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Tough call on council cash cuts

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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'UNPRECEDENTED' cuts to the council's budget were finally discussed by councillors last night.

After months of speculation, anger, negotiations, petitions and protests, councillors met to confirm how £27million would be saved in its 2011/2012 budget in order to save a huge £71million, or 34 per cent, over the next four years.

An estimated 600 council staff could also lose their jobs over the next three years.

But the Lib Dem councillor in charge of the coffers, Sam Crooks, believes frontline services, the most vulnerable and the city's 'vision' have been largely protected.

He said: "We have never had to take one third of our budget out - it's unprecedented. The risk we've had is to make sure that in achieving these cuts we haven't killed our vision of the city.

"It's going to be business friendly, with vibrant parish councils and we want to make sure vulnerable people are protected and helped. I think we have done that.

"Inevitably people talk about the cuts, but it's also what we have protected that's important – we haven't touched our weekly waste collections, bus subsidies have been minimally reduced and we aren't closing leisure centres.

"We raised the question over two libraries, but that means seven are not going to be touched."

Opposition councillors were yesterday gearing up for the meeting with Conservative amendments including money to keep Woburn Sands and Stony Stratford libraries open for another year, £1.8million for the Fenny Lock travellers' site reallocated to affordable housing elsewhere in the borough and an additional £3,116 awarded to Milton Keynes City Orchestra.

Conservative group leader Councillor Andrew Geary said: "We know we have to make the cuts, but there's a way to do this and this isn't it.

"You don't make a unilateral decision to close libraries, you go to the communities and discuss with them about how to pass over the running of the facility.

"They announced they were closing it, and once the masses came forward they said they had better talk to them."

All three parties have been discussing the amount that should be invested in a Development and Devolution Fund, which would go to aid some of those most affected by the cuts.

Labour opposition leader Norman Miles said they were hoping £1million could be found.

He said: "It's designed to help volunteer organisations, the library service and various other activities."

For information on what happened at last night's meeting, visit

www.mk-news.co.uk

MK Theatre lovelies: Staff got their kit off to publicise the return of Calendar Girls and help launch a competition with MK NEWS

MK NEWS has teamed up with Milton Keynes Theatre to offer you a date with the cast of a hit show.
In an exclusive competition, we are asking residents to strip off to win the chance to meet the cast of Calendar Girls, including Lynda Bellingham and Jennifer Ellison, when the show returns to the city. Turn to page 23 for more.

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Out to catch West Bletchley speeders

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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SPEEDING motorists are being warned to expect tougher measures on two of the city's busiest roads – and one could even have CCTV installed to catch offenders.

Located in West Bletchley, one of the most densely populated areas in the city, the non-grid roads Whaddon Way and Whalley Drive are used by motorists travelling to and from places including Bletchley railway station, the community hospital, the Courtside sports facility, several schools and hundreds of homes.

After residents asked ward councillor Nigel Long to tackle the problem of speeding drivers and antisocial behaviour, he surveyed residents living on or near Whalley Drive and discovered all of those who responded would support CCTV.

He said: "Whalley Drive is a long road. It's got a lot of closes, so there are about 400 houses on the road or on streets that branch off.

"There's a lot of support for policing and every single person said they would be in favour of CCTV, which surprised me.

"Like a lot of the roads in West Bletchley, Whaddon Way is a very fast road. It's the big issue here at the minute.

"I'll talk to council officers – I support lower speeds, flashing speed signs and road narrowing."

Nigel Long with his survey from people who live along Whalley Drive

And he said, along with stopping other forms of antisocial behaviour like shouting, CCTV could be used at the junctions with Melrose Avenue and Sherwood Drive to catch or slow down speeders.

He is now in the process of surveying those living along or near Whaddon Way to find out what measures residents would support, particularly between Rickley Lane Road and the Melrose shops.

Would you support road calming measures and CCTV on Whalley Drive or Whaddon Way?

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WHAT YOU THINK

Carmella Jones

"I think it's a good idea, they've put some speed cameras in Buckingham Road so why aren't there any here?

"It's hard to speed here in the day because you have the buses, but you do get some."

Paul Carter

"It will be good, there are people that speed and I've got a child.

"Sometimes I nearly get hit when I'm trying to cross the zebra crossing, and there are a lot of elderly people living here."

Doreen Foster

"People are usually pretty good here but sometimes some do speed, especially at night time when everyone's in bed.

"They don't seem to slow down for the zebra crossings, so anything that's put in will help."

Colin Baker
Manager of Seafoods fish and chip shop

"I think it would be quite a good thing. Just the other day there was an accident here, with two cars hitting each other.

"Some people don't care about the speed ramps. You see people waiting at the zebra crossing and cars just carry on going.

Not guilty plea to landlord's murder

A MAN accused of killing a pub landlord pleaded not guilty to murder on Monday.

Bernardo Durantes, 35, of Hartwell Road, Hanslope, denied murdering Jaime Ball at the Globe Inn in Hanslope on December 28 last year when he appeared at Luton Crown Court. Judge John Bevan QC remanded him in custody until his trial, due to begin on September 5.

There was no application for bail.

Energy poster scheme

A SCHEME to help save money for the city's taxpayers has been launched.

By fitting each of its non-domestic buildings with 'fridge-type' energy efficiency rating posters, Milton Keynes Council hopes to cut wastage and carbon emissions as well as the cost to the public of running them.

The council has produced the Display Energy Certificates, which demonstrate to a building's occupants and visitors how energy efficient it is, from A (the best) down to G.

The aim is to improve each building by an average of one band.

Buildings for which the score has deteriorated will undertake measures to improve ratings by, for example, insulating cavities or replacing old boilers.

Centre stays despite Network Rail break-up

NETWORK Rail has moved to allay fears its Milton Keynes development will be affected following the recent announcement of a break-up of the company.

Cranes currently tower above the former site of the National Hockey Stadium where the company's new 400,000 sq ft National Centre is being built, which will eventually house about 3,000 employees and is designed to be one of the most sustainable buildings in the UK.

But on Monday a break-up of the company was announced by chief executive David Higgins, which will create nine regional units, each with its own managing director, transferring power from the central offices.

Mr Higgins said: "We're devolving accountability to the route level so that we can get closer to our customers and be in a better position to deliver improvements to passengers and freight users, while reducing costs."

But Network Rail said this will not affect the Milton Keynes development, which is expected to be open next year.

A spokesman said: "Our new National Centre in Milton Keynes remains at the heart of our plans to improve the way we work. We're determined not to undermine the progress that has been made, but to build on the strengths of what we've achieved.

"Construction on site is going well and everything remains on schedule.

"The buildings will be weatherproof by the end of this year with the internal fit-out taking place in the first half of 2012, ready for a summer opening."

stadiummk set to host pop concert

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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POP sensations JLS and Olly Murs will be performing at the stadiummk this summer.

The concert will be the first non-sporting event to be held at the stadium since it opened in July 2007, and is fantastic news for the city's economy and profile.

Pete Winkelman, chairman of the MK Dons football team which plays at the stadium, said "It is fantastic to be able to announce a first concert for stadiummk and for Milton Keynes to showcase our great venue's x-factor credentials.

"Like us, many of our younger supporters will be extremely excited at the prospect of watching JLS and Olly Murs perform live and we look forward to a great night out for everyone."

JLS and Olly Murs, who were the runners-up on ITV1's hit show The X Factor in 2008 and 2009 respectively, will perform at the stadium on July 8.

Tickets for the gig, which has been organised in association with Heart FM, went on sale on Thursday morning - with 2,000 sold in the first 30 minutes and 5,000 snapped up within 24 hours.

Olly Murs and JLS will appear at stadiummk in July

Chairman of the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce, Rita Spada, said: "Hosting this fantastic music event displays Milton Keynes architecture and stadium at its very best.

"The footfall and valuable custom generated for our local retail and leisure based businesses is vital in supporting the growth of our local economy.

"Congratulations to the stadium. I am sure that this will be the first of many such high profile music events."

Win tickets

MK NEWS and Heart FM have teamed up to give one lucky reader two free tickets to the concert.

To enter, answer the following question: What does JLS stand for?

Answers should be sent to competitions@mk-news.co.uk or posted to 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes MK15 0DU.

The closing date is Wednesday, March 2. The editor's decision is final. Competition details can also be found online at mk-news.co.uk.

Council to set up new health watchdog

MILTON Keynes will be one of the first places to pilot a new national health initiative.

The Health and Wellbeing Board was introduced in the NHS white paper – Liberating the NHS: Local democratic legitimacy in health – and now Milton Keynes Council has agreed to set one up.

It will keep a check on the new GP Consortia, planned to replace the primary care trust, and be run by the council alongside the consortia and LINk:MK.

A recommendation to set up the board on a trial basis by the health and community wellbeing select committee, headed by Councillor Janet Irons, was endorsed by the council's cabinet on Thursday.

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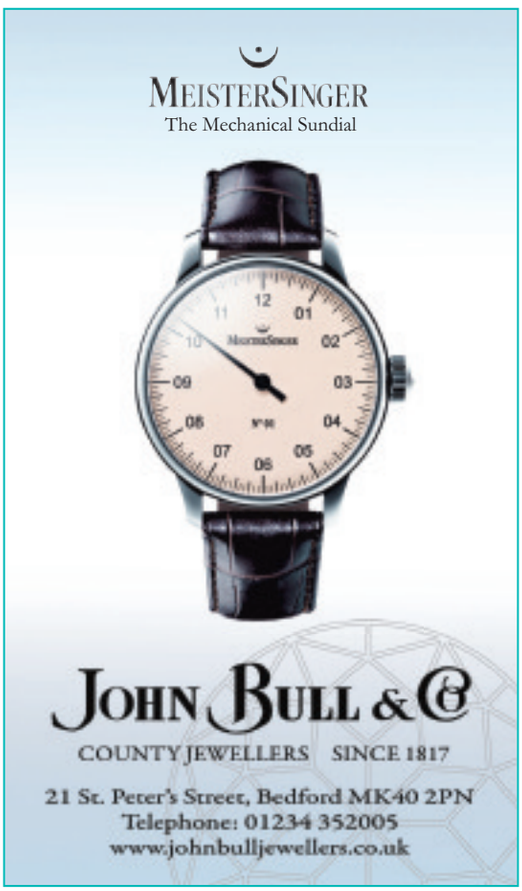

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Protecting kids' futures

SIR – Milton Keynes Council nurseries are fantastic places with excellent staff.

If the council closes these nurseries it will not just be a major loss for the communities, but for all the children who would have attended in the future.

The cabinet paper was a shambles and I am so proud of all the parents from all the nurseries that attended the meeting on Tuesday last week.

We urge the public to get behind all the nurseries. If you would like to know about other meetings and further get-togethers join our Facebook page – Save Little Chestnuts Day Nursery.

Name and address supplied

Volunteer councillors?

SIR – Funny these councillors aren't they?

One minute they are begging us to give them money (£5million) for the place to be called a city (this is after they have already squandered £10million on two previous attempts), then Councillor Cec Tallack pockets a cool £39,195 and in the same paper he has the temerity to complain about cuts imposed by the Government (MK NEWS, February 16).

I believe in the American's slogan – 'Ask not what the country can do for you, ask what can you do for your country'.

Millions of our country's volunteers do what they do for others and our country – and they do it for nothing. This, by the way, saves millions of pounds each year.

Perhaps our councillors should adopt a similar approach?

D Garrett
Stantonbury

■ SIR – Unlike most of your readers, I already knew the amounts being paid out in allowances to MK councillors.

I especially enjoyed the comments of the council spokesman who said 'MK Council's members' allowances are broadly comparable with those of councillors in other unitary authorities in the south east region', as if that is some kind of vindication for the huge waste of taxpayers' money.

Finally, common sense would tell the council that closing nurseries and all the rest is a mistake of monumental proportions. It is ill-conceived and ill-advised - by any stretch of the imagination.

The purpose of MK Council is to provide the services that are required by its population.

Robert Lee
Conniburrow

Locked pavilion

SIR – I read with interest Nick Lewis' comments about Westcroft Pavilion in last week's paper.

During the consultation I was told by a council officer that the facility had to be built, for 'health and safety' reasons.

If children were to play football there, they needed changing rooms and toilets.

Since May, I have seen regular youth football at weekends, but the pavilion has remained locked, whatever the weather.

If I had known it was a problem with chairs, I would have helped with directions to IKEA. Sounds like an excuse to me.

In tough financial times, did we ever need a rarely used building as another drain on council funds? I think it was a pointless planning agreement which local council taxpayers will have to bear the cost of in years to come.

Dave Shelley
Westcroft

Very little helps

SIR – I feel sorry for Tesco employees, can they ever trust their employer to be straight about their future?

Your article in last week's MK NEWS about Tesco's application for a superstore in Newport Pagnell (which also claims new jobs will be created – for how long and at what cost to jobs in other local shops I wonder?) was misleading in another very important respect.

It claimed that at the public meeting in August 2010 only 11 people objected to Tesco's plans, against 62 in favour. I assume you meant to say 111 objected.

The official notes of the meeting state 'approximately two thirds [of the 200 people present] were against the proposed plans and a third were for the proposals'.

Rather belatedly Tesco is trying to drum up support among residents by canvassing door-to-door and outside Kingston and Wolverton stores.

Most right-thinking residents do not want this 'cuckoo in our nest' which will destroy our shops and community.

T Holroyde
Sent by e-mail

Fenny Lock jobs to go – see page 17

City MPs as one

SIR – I write to correct any misunderstanding that MK NEWS readers may have over my views on the rights of prisoners to vote.

I want to make it very clear that Iain Stewart and I are completely at one in opposing prisoners being given the right to vote.

The Parliamentary vote on February 10 was backbench business – in other words, it was a motion designed for backbench MPs to inform the Government of their view on the matter.

As a junior member of the Government, I agree with the clear message that backbenchers have sent and have been lobbying ministers hard on this issue.

I share the Prime Minister's distaste at the prospect of European judges forcing their will on the British people in this matter and will continue to do all that I can to oppose it.

Mark Lancaster
MP for Milton Keynes North

Wind out their sails

SIR – Milton Keynes branch of UKIP mounted a public protest against wind farms outside the council offices on Thursday evening as its planning committee met to decide whether or not to allow nPower's application to erect 12 410ft turbines at Nun Wood in the northern tip of the borough.

Nigel Farage, MEP for Milton Keynes and UKIP party leader, was unable to attend as he was appearing on BBC Question Time at the same time as the planning meeting, but UKIP MEP for Northampton, Derek Clarke, just made it back from Strasbourg in time to speak forcefully against the application. The unanimous decision by the planning committee to reject the application was greeted with much applause and jubilation from the public gallery.

Michael Phillips
UKIP Milton Keynes

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Bigger, better society

SIR – I write to bring to your attention, and hopefully that of your esteemed readers, that the Big Society is here in Milton Keynes.

In fact it did not just arrive and I do not believe that David Cameron, or anyone else for that matter, has ever suggested this is something new.

What, however, is taking place is a greater emphasis on the core values that underpin such vital and essential elements of any healthy community and the desperate need to revitalise such in our communities now.

It is somewhat perplexing to read and hear of the highly patronising and puerile arguments put forward against the Big Society, especially when these are done for political reasons.

At the heart of the Big Society is community ownership, responsibility and active participation. This would not be too dissimilar to what folks in this great country had to do in support of the war effort.

Though the Government of the day had its role, so did Joe and Jane Bloggs in rebuilding the nation – street by street.

What we have seen in recent years instead, is a top down, government knows best, passive citizenry system which has gone a long way in undermining patriotism, local democracy and community wellness.

In Milton Keynes, it has been thoroughly heart-warming to see the number of faith, ethnic and voluntary sector groups come out and be part of the quarterly community engagement meetings hosted by MPs Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart.

These meetings are totally non-political, with the agenda largely driven by the vast array of community groups and volunteers.

The outcome of each meeting ultimately is about knowledge sharing, building on processes already in place and having elected representatives of any political party join to support the great efforts of our community groups. All of the meetings are focused on action points which are then fed back into the next meeting.

As a result of these, greater efforts are being made to encourage and bring together the private and voluntary sectors and enhance synergies where possible between community groups to facilitate service delivery for their users.

By bringing the impressive diversity of community groups in MK together with lawmakers in such an informal setting, we are also gradually encouraging a more cohesive and tolerant community.

The Big Society is a better society at least history teaches us so.

Festus Akinbusoye
Community relations director,
Milton Keynes Conservatives

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Sam Potts at Bedlam Walk, Chicheley, where a new road and car parking spaces are going to be built

Go-ahead given for village road

Councillor's four-year fight ends in victory

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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RESIDENTS are 'delighted' after plans to provide better access to their homes were finally given the green light.

The £170,000 scheme to build an access road and parking in Bedlam Walk, Chicheley, will also mean emergency services will be able to reach the properties.

The news has been welcomed by Jo Parker after paramedics were unable to get to her two-and-a-half-year-old son when he became ill recently.

She said: "My son had a convulsion which was very scary.

"The paramedics came and I had to carry him in my arms down to their car on the existing car park because they couldn't get up the slope because of all the mud.

"They then had to do a three-point turn, which slowed us down even more.

"The new road is something we have wanted for a long while, so we're delighted."

Ward councillor for the village, Sam Potts, fought for the scheme, but it was called-in for a review by Cllr Peter Geary until the executive scrutiny meeting last Thursday saw the decision revoked.

Cllr Potts said: "I'm delighted. I've been fighting for this for about four years and my predecessor, who had an extra two parking spaces put in, probably fought for about six years.

"Residents of Chicheley will now be able to come back from work, university and school and park safely and securely outside their homes.

"It also means people will soon be able to get coal and other vital services to their homes."

Proposed wind farm too large

A PROPOSED wind farm that will be visable from the north of the city is being opposed by Milton Keynes Council.

At a planning meeting on Thursday night, the committee objected to the application for the farm at Nun Wood, in Bozeat, Wellingborough, which would have 12 wind turbines, each 410ft high.

Former MP for Milton Keynes and now vice-chairman of the planning committee, Councillor Brian White once initiated a Private Members Bill to put £60million into wind energy research, but said even he couldn't justify the site.

Talking after the meeting he said: "It was the scale and design and its impact. Given my background in promoting windfarms, even I couldn't justify the impact on the landscape and local business. It was in the wrong place."

As well at MK Council, the application involves Bedford Borough Council and Wellingborough Borough Council as the site could also impact on these areas.

Bedford has already lodged its opposition with the Planning Inspectorate, which will make the final decision.

Brian Skittral, 54, who is chairman of Bozeat and Lavendon Oppose the Turbines (BLOT), said: "Milton Keynes Council's decision is only one step closer to winning.

"I'm hoping if Wellingborough opposes the plans, the application will just be withdrawn."

Top marks for pre-school after Ofsted visit

STAFF and pupils at a village pre-school are celebrating after receiving top marks from inspectors.

Little Ashes Pre-School, in Great Brickhill, was given a grade of outstanding – the highest possible rating – in its latest Ofsted inspection.

The school is a not-for-profit organisation which cares for children for three hours a day, preparing them for school.

Parent Ryan Whiles is the chairman of the voluntary committee running Little Ashes.

He said: "We are all so very proud of this grading and it is testament not only to the hard work by the staff, but also the support from the parents of those children that attend and the committee. The children also helped of course with their ever-present smiley faces.

"This is the first time the pre-school has achieved the highly sought after grading of outstanding.

"As a parent myself, I appreciate how lucky I am to have my children attend an outstanding child-care setting."

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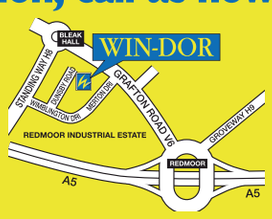

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Kids get a hands-on history lesson

KIDS were taken back through time yesterday as BBC Hands on History archaeologists taught them how Stonehenge may have been built, using only the tools that would have been available more than 4,000 years ago.

The Stonehenge Tour accompanies the new BBC Two series A History of Ancient Britain.

Chance to help make MK a city

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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NOW is your chance to impress Her Majesty the Queen and help Milton Keynes become an official city.

Milton Keynes' bid to achieve city status is gathering pace and now citizens' comments and photos are needed to demonstrate why the official status is deserved.

All bids will be presented by a judging panel to the Queen, who will then gives the final okay as part of her diamond jubilee.

The bid organisers at MK Council are asking for your comments, in no more than 60 words, and photos from the city to be presented as part of the bid. Photos should not be of people or events, but of permanent fixtures like buildings and sculptures.

Robert Rusin's poster

Cllr Sam Crooks said: "Being granted city status would help raise our profile even further.

"It would put us firmly in a group with London, Manchester, Birmingham and other places that are regularly considered to be hosts for major cultural and sporting events.

"It also attracts inward investment - just look at Sunderland, Brighton and Preston which became cities in previous competitions. Being a city could really help local businesses."

To try to get people involved, artist Robert Rusin has created an unofficial Milton Keynes city poster.

He said: "I live and work in Milton Keynes and since 2007 my artistic activities have been devoted to Milton Keynes.

"I think it's a city whatever others think, whatever it is officially, but to get it official we need to convince the Government and the Queen that we are deserving."

Charity calls for help to maintain food parcels

GIVE a little to help those in the city who are going to bed hungry.

In the first five weeks of 2011, The Food Bank, a city-based charity which donates food to the needy and those with financial difficulties, gave out 800 food parcels – twice as many as in the same period last year.

In order to continue to meet the demand, the charity is now organising its first Big Little Give, on March 21-27, to encourage every houshold in Milton Keynes to generate food and finance with events across the city.

To help, you can set up a food collection point in your office, pub, club, school or church, buy an item of food and donate it, or get sponsored for doing something that will make you think about what it is like to be hungry or to go without, such as fasting for a day.

You can create your own personalised sponsorship page and track where and when events are happening on The Food Bank's Big Little Give web page at www.justgiving.com/thefoodbankBLG2011.

You can also become a Food Bank supporter and donate £3 per month at www.justgiving.com/thefoodbank/donate.

St Valentine's Day kidney op gift a success

A ST VALENTINE'S Day kidney donation operation between two best friends was a success.

Businesswoman Sharon McMurray went under the knife to help her childhood dance teacher and best friend Tracey Aspin, from Shenley Brook End, after she suffered kidney failure.

On Monday last week Sharon had her right kidney removed at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

As she returned from the three hour operation, Tracey, who runs Tracey's Dance Zone in the city, went into theatre where she was given the kidney.

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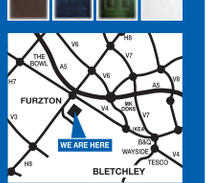

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Councillors' allowances

FOLLOWING the release of councillor's allowances last week, MK NEWS has spoken to each of the eight cabinet members at Milton Keynes Council about whether they would be willing to receive less.

The allowances are set by an independent panel with the leader of the council, Cec Tallack, receiving £39,195 in allowances in the financial year 2010/11. The combined cost to the taxpayer of the seven other cabinet members was £155,995.

All councillors receive a basic allowance of £9,863 each, however some, including cabinet members, are paid extra for taking on a special responsibilty.

This is despite proposed funding cuts by the council worth £71million over the next four years.

MK NEWS ASKS CABINET MEMBERS IF THEY WOULD TAKE A CUT

CEC TALLACK, leader of the council, said: "We're expecting a report from the independent panel fairly imminently. It is looking at the issue. We've always taken its view. It will quite possibly recommend a reduction and that is absolutely fine. If it recommends an increase I think that would be most inappropriate at this time."

SAM CROOKS, finance and resources, said: "There is a concern within the council about not doing what the independent panel says. From a personal point of view, I think we should recognise the situation the council and the country is in. If it were up to me, I would like to see members' allowances cut across the board."

VANESSA MCPAKE, transport, said: "I've always said I'd be happy not take an increase. There's an independent panel review going on at the moment and I have no idea what it's going to say, but I would be more than happy to take a reduction."

SAM POTTS, adult social care, said: "If the panel says councillors are worth less then I would go with that.

"For people to have special allowances they have to put a lot more work in. They do a very good job for the money. For running a successful city like Milton Keynes I think it's peanuts."

CHRIS WILLIAMS, housing, culture and leisure, said: "I believe it is a full-time job, I don't get a salary and I gave up a £60,000 a year job to be a councillor. My view, however, is that we should be prepared to suffer some of the pain, therefore I will be proposing, or supporting, a five per cent cut, which is higher than the rate of inflation."

ROSEMARY DREWITT, children's services, said: "I think in respect of the hours that we put in it's not that high. I think there's a very good argument to be had on both sides. It is arguable that councillors should be leading by example and taking a reduction."

MIKE GALLOWAY, development control and environment, said: "I think the difficulty is, what do you compare the allowances with? It's currently not as high as at other authorities. In terms of what I get, I think it's probably about the right level, but whether it compensates me for the time - well you don't join local government for that."

JENNI FARRANS, community strategy and regeneration, said: "I don't take my expenses which I'm entitled to, so I'm effectively imposing a cut on myself. I feel it is appropriate for councillors to be looking at cuts at the same time as other people. Cabinet members work a minimum of 20 to 30 hours a week, which makes it difficult to work a full-time job."

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Road closed as arsonists torch empty house

A ROAD had to be closed after arsonists set fire to a house on Friday.

More than 40 firefighters attended the blaze at the unoccupied house in Park Gardens, Bletchley, just before 5am and spent almost three hours putting it out.

Part of nearby Whalley Drive was closed for three hours because of the number of emergency service vehicles.

Transferred council staff in fear for jobs

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE transfer of more than 100 council staff to a private firm has been given the green light, despite redundancy fears.

Milton Keynes Council's cabinet members made the final decision to transfer the 117 business support staff to private partner Mouchel at a special meeting on Monday night.

Once the staff are transferred, the company will enter a 90-day 'redeployment and redundancy' consultation with them, with some worried they could soon be without a job.

The staff will keep the full terms of their current council contracts, including pensions, and the authority has agreed to pay the redundancy bill if any of them lose their jobs. Speaking at the meeting, council employee Diane Langford said 81 staff could be lost, which she claimed would result in a 43 per cent increase in redundancy bills for the council.

But Claire Hedger, partnership director for Mouchel Milton Keynes, moved to reassure the staff that the consultation they will be going through is for all Mouchel staff, although 'it may involve redundancy'.

Cabinet member responsible for finance, Sam Crooks, said their jobs would be just as secure as if they were employed by the council, as hundreds of the authority's staff are about to lose their jobs.

He said: "Two hundred and ninety seven people will be leaving this building come March 31.

"Mouchel will be putting all staff at risk, not just the incoming. Staying here is generally no more of a protection than the situation of being transferred."

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New lease of life for old canal cut

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A CANAL cut which ran alongside the Stony Stratford Arms in the 1960s could reopen early next year.

The restoration of the link between Buckingham and the Grand Union lock at Cosgrove, known as the Old Stratford Cut, is being led by the Buckingham Canal Society (BCS).

Philip Warton, ward councillor for Stony Stratford, said: "It sounds like a marvellous idea.

"It's also something that would benefit the tourism in Stony Stratford which is quite an important part of the town.

"It's really nice to see heritage is being preserved in places like Stony Stratford and I hope to see more ideas like this in the future."

The Buckingham Canal was killed off by the Bletchley to Banbury Railway that opened in 1850 and, due to a lack of maintenance, it was dammed at the first bridge in 1944 to stop water leaking out of the mainline canal. It was closed to navigation in the 1960s.

The BCS would like to see the waterway restored and reopened using the original route wherever possible and is seeking to develop partnerships with landowners, local authorities and other organisations to help it achieve its aims.

An artist's impression of the Old Stratford Cut restoration scheme

The scheme is also being supported by the Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Councillor David Thompson, cabinet member for leisure, said: "It will create a fantastic waterside environment that will bring real benefits to those living and working in the surrounding area. We look forward to working with the canal society to help take the project forward."

> It's really nice to see heritage is being preserved in places like Stony Stratford
>
> – Cllr Philip Warton

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X-Factor star draws crowd

MORE than 400 screaming fans queued in the cold on Monday to catch a glimpse of the latest X-Factor star.

Last year's winner Matt Cardle, 27, appeared at W H Smith in thecentre:mk to sign copies of his autobiography Matt Cardle: My Story, which was released before Christmas.

Partnership break-up?

THE organisation that oversees the growth of Milton Keynes is now investigating its future – leaving some hopeful development in the city could speed up.

Currently there are about 17,000 planning applications that have been granted permission across the borough, but on a large number of them work has not yet started.

On top of this, there are around 11,000 plans for dwellings still waiting to be determined.

Development quango Milton Keynes Partnership (MKP), which deals with planning applications for the western expansion area of the city, entered a 90-day restructuring consultation period with its 30-plus staff last Wednesday, which could see it disbanded and all planning power transferred to Milton Keynes Council.

Councillor David Hopkins, a board member for MKP, said: "I think moving everything under one umbrella could then hasten development activity without the constraints of having to make a return to the treasury. We can take a joined-up look without having to work with a quango."

MKP may be forced to fold as part of the restructuring of its parent quango, the Homes and Communities Agency, which works nationally to deliver housing and regeneration.

Pat Ritchie, chief executive at the HCA, said: "The reduction in our operational budget inevitably leads to a reduction in staff numbers, but we have made a commitment that we will do everything possible to keep compulsory redundancies to a minimum."

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Town's new pool plans on display

Work set to start in Wolverton later this year

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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HOPES are growing that work will soon start on a long-awaited new swimming pool.

Plans for the £8.06million pool in Wolverton, which would replace the exisiting open-air swimming pool, are currently on display in the town.

Ward member Cllr Janet Irons has been campaigning for the pool for more than five years and hopes work will start soon.

She said: "I hope sincerely it's closer now, people have had to put up with a lot of procrastination so I hope it's nearly done. I think people have been suffering 'death by consultations'."

Cllr Irons, who is happy with the current plans, said that a new pool is needed as the current one is only available to use between May and September and needs a new tank, but grants cannot be provided for open-air pools.

Cllr Janet Irons inspects the plans for the new Wolverton pool

She said: "A new tank costs several thousand pounds and nobody will put up the money for it. Some don't like losing the open air pool but, of course, it's only there from May to September and it would be nice to have one there all year round."

Following last year's consultation the new community pool will be built on the site of the existing one in Aylesbury Street West.

As well as the six lane, 25-metre community pool with disabled access, other facilities will include a learner pool, fitness gym, two multi-use studios, cafe with vending machines and seating for 40, a cafe terrace and CCTV security.

Work on the pool, being paid for by the Government's Growth Area Fund, is expected to start later this year and be finished in summer 2013.

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Budgens, the Adult Continuing Education centre and a dental surgery in Cofferidge Close, Stony Stratford, could be bulldosed to make way for a bigger supermarket

Residents' fury at superstore plans

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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RESIDENTS are up in arms over plans to triple the size of the supermarket in their town, which could see their only NHS dentist close.

C B Richard Ellis Investors wants to demolish Budgens, the Adult Continuing Education centre and a dental surgery in Cofferidge Close, Stony Stratford, and build a bigger supermarket.

The council has received more than 80 letters of objection from residents worried about losing their dentist, increased traffic and trees being chopped down.

Mary Shaw, of Horsefair Green, said: "The argument that Stony needs a larger supermarket is ludicrous. To remove the lovely orchard area behind Cofferidge Close would be a sin.

"To further increase the traffic in the centre of this old town would show no respect for its heritage or its people."

It is unknown who will run the new supermarket after Waitrose, which had been rumoured to be moving in, announced it had looked at the scheme but 'was not in a position' to take on the store.

Budgens' lease runs out in 18 months and franchisee, Kash Jaffar, says he cannot afford to renew it for such a large supermarket.

He said: "It's too big for the area. If the store was to remain the same size, we would be happy to renew the lease for another 20 years."

Philip Warton, ward councillor for Stony Stratford, said: "The trouble is, we've now got an application on the table, but don't know who will take on the building.

"I'm not sure I could lend my support to it. It's important for residents to know what sort of store they are going to have."

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Stobart may shed former Tesco staff

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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Of the 111 Tesco workers transferred to Eddie Stobart when if took over the Fenny Lock depot last December, 87 could lose their jobs

EIGHTY-SEVEN former Tesco workers are at risk of losing their jobs.

As previously reported in MK NEWS, the Tesco Fenny Lock depot was sold to Eddie Stobart in December.

As a result, 111 workers were moved to the logistics giant, 87 of which have now been told they could be made redundant.

Joanne McGuiness, national officer for workers union USDAW, said: "Stobart Group has informed USDAW of its intention to absorb the work recently transferred to them from Tesco Fenny Lock into the rest of its distribution network. The proposal as it stands puts 87 jobs at risk of redundancy.

"We are extremely disappointed by the decision but will be scrutinising Stobart's business case in detail and meeting with them again shortly.

"It is terrible news for our members and their families, particularly coming so soon after the upheaval of the transfer from Tesco, but we will be doing all we can to minimise the number of redundancies and to secure the best possible deal we can for any member faced with losing their job."

Drivers and warehouse employees are among the affected staff, while clerical staff and shunters are being retained at the site.

A spokesman for Eddie Stobart said: "As we do with any new operation, we have spent the last couple of months reviewing the operation to see how it fits into the Eddie Stobart network, hence the decision we have come to will improve efficiencies. It doesn't mean to say the 87 will lose their jobs.

"The consulation period started last week and it is going to take a few weeks to sort out."

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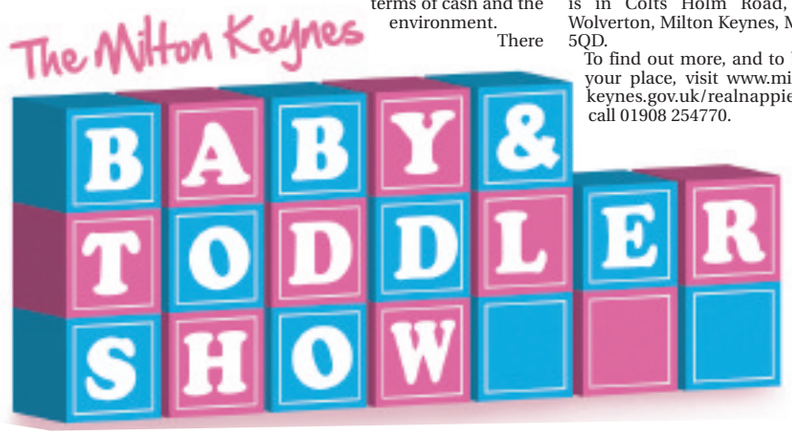
As well as the chance to get your hands on real nappies, there will be a discussion on the main benefits of using them, both in terms of cash and the environment.

There will also be a discussion on the four main types of nappies available, practical advice on getting started and how to use real nappies and tips on washing and drying.

So if you want to know where to get real nappies and how to buy the right product then this is the event for you.

The Materials Recycling Facility is in Colts Holm Road, Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5QD.

To find out more, and to book your place, visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/realnappies or call 01908 254770.



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Lance Corporal Charley Stanton

Army life going downhill for local soldier

A FORMER Ousedale student has taken part in an army skiing exercise in the French Alps.

Lance Corporal Charley Stanton took part in Exercise Pipedown as part of the army's Adventurous Training programme.

Charley, who is a military technician, said: "Racing is really good, you are going so fast – right on the edge, I always wanted to do it."

The former Newport Pagnell resident competed in the Alpine (downhill) races last month helping his team to second place overall, after only learning to ski five weeks previously on an army skiing course.

The event develops skills enhancing an individual's ability to withstand the rigours of operations and rapid deployments.

Sufferers to get chemo unit in city

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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HUNDREDS of cancer sufferers could be saved inconvenient and painful journeys to get the treatment they need.

Despite cost-cutting measures throughout NHS Milton Keynes, the primary care trust (PCT) is proposing to invest in a chemotherapy service for the city.

Around 345 people a year need to travel to Northampton from the city to get chemotherapy as part of their cancer treatment, but as part of the PCT's money-saving consultation, they could soon get their treatment either at Milton Keynes Hospital or in a community health centre.

An NHS Milton Keynes spokesman said: "Our proposal involves investing in a chemotherapy service in Milton Keynes, which will reduce patients' travelling time, expenses and make a stressful experience slightly easier."

The PCT is also considering buying an additional radiotherapy machine to be able to offer this kind of treatment to more patients visiting Northampton Hospital. Currently, 620 people travel from Milton Keynes for radiotherapy.

But as part of the cost cutting exercise the hospital hopes to make savings by 'increasing thresholds so that only patients with the greatest need receive treatment'.

It wants to cut knee operations by refusing them to people who are overweight or can walk further than 250 metres, saving £240,000.

A further £38,000 could be saved by cutting the number of operations for haemorrhoids (piles) from 150 to 140 each year.

All of the proposals, including saving £1,450,000 in maternity services, are set out in the Shaping the Future of Healthcare in Milton Keynes document, which can be found online at www.miltonkeynes.nhs.uk/discussion2011.htm. The consultation ends on Friday.

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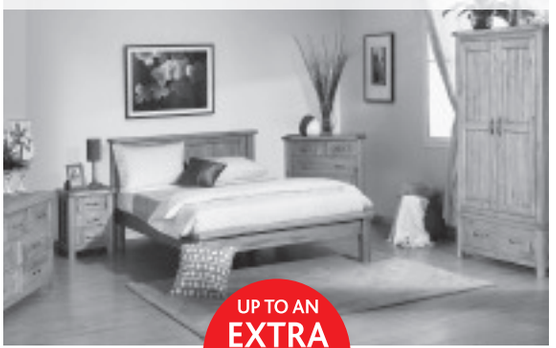

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Wishing pool raises £9,000

THECENTRE:MK raised more than £9,000 with its Christmas Storyland walk through wishing pool.

The shopping centre chose to support the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust and Milton Keynes and North Bucks RSPCA this year, with each receiving a cheque for £4,520.97.

Since 1985, thecentre:mk's wishing pool has raised more than £340,000 for local charities.

Cheque this out: Jean Kelly, chairman at the Milton Keynes and North Bucks RSPCA, Robert Hall, thecentre: mk director and Gwyneth Stach, head of care at the Brain Injury Trust with the wishing well money

Waterway cited in planning objection

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A LANDMARK decision for a waterway which would link Milton Keynes and Bedford was made last week.

For the first time since the inception of the planned £260million, 26-kilometre-long Bedford to MK Waterway, which would link the Grand Union Canal with the River Great Ouse, it has been given as a reason to object to a planning application.

It is claimed by MK Council, one of the 11 'consortium local agencies' working towards building the waterway, that a planning application for a waste incinerator at the Rookery Pit, near Stuartby, Bedfordshire, does not take into account a section of the waterway due to be built there.

The council had been asked to make a representation to the Infrastructure Planning Commission, which will make the final decision on the incinerator later this year.

This has been hailed as a key decision by Neil Hayes, one of the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway Trust (BMKWT) directors, who said it is the first time one of the consortium agencies has 'been proactive in protecting the waterway'.

He added: "The BMKWT thanks MK Council for taking into account the failure of the developers of the Rookery planning application to consider the proposed route and provision of the waterway.

"The BMKWT has itself made similar submissions to the commission and we hope and trust that the planning inspector will take our submission and that of the council into account when he decides later this year.

"If approval is given, we have requested that the part of the predicted waterway route which falls within the application area is considered by the developer as a community contribution."

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400 hear Tony Benn speak on council cuts

Speaker: Tony Benn

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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MORE than 400 people turned out to see Tony Benn when he visited Milton Keynes.

The veteran left-wing former cabinet member spoke against cuts in council services at a seminar at Jurys Inn in CMK on Friday.

Other speakers were from trades unions, the National Pensioners Convention and student fees campaigners.

The seminar launched the Milton Keynes Coalition of Resistance's (MKCoR) week of action against council cuts, including a march to the authority's budget-setting meeting at the civic offices last night.

Mr Benn, leader of the National Coalition of Resistance, said: "The cuts are meant to hurt ordinary people, not the rich or the banks who created the crisis. Cameron's 'we're all in it together' is nonsense.

"We should tax the wealthiest – even Churchill did that – and not squander £70billion on Trident nuclear weapons."

Anita de Klerk, leader of the MKCoR, said: "The evening was very successful. Everyone came together in solidarity and the aim was clear. Everyone wants to fight against the cuts both in Milton Keynes and nationally.

"MK Council has been ordered a 34 per cent cut by the Government – will the chief executive be cutting his £155,000 salary by 34 per cent?

"We do not give our elected councillors permission to close or sell off our public services. The council must refuse to support this irresponsible experiment and instead build an alternative programme for economic and social recovery."

The National Coalition of Resistance will be joining an anti-cuts demonstration in London on Saturday called by the Trades Union Congress.

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MK NEWS has teamed up with Milton Keynes Theatre to offer 12 lucky readers the chance to star as a Calendar Girl and win some great prizes.

The hit show Calendar Girls returns to the city from March 28, starring Lynda Bellingham, Jennifer Ellison, Trudie Goodwin and Danielle Lineker.

And MK NEWS is looking for readers to get into the spirit and send in their own Calendar Girl (or boy!) photographs with appropriately-placed props protecting their modesty.

Entries will be put online at www.mk-news.co.uk and visitors will be able to vote for their favourite.

Twelve finalists will be invited to the opening night of Calendar Girls to enjoy an evening of VIP treatment. They'll also get to meet the cast for drinks after the performance when the final winner will be chosen, who will be treated to a spa day at Champneys Henlow.

Lynda said: "It would be fantastic to see the people of Milton Keynes enter into the spirit of Calendar Girls.

"Think buns, knitting, gardening, painting, maybe something work-related. The more inventive the better.

"Being a Bucks girl myself I know there are a lot of lovely, daring women in this county who will feel really liberated and empowered by the experience and, in the birth county of the WI, I can't think of a better place to run this competition.

"I'm pleased to launch the competition with our very first entry featuring the girls from Milton Keynes Theatre. I'm really looking forward to seeing more entries and meeting the winner."

Lynda Bellingham

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Pets' charity box stolen from shop

A GOOD Samaritan is furious after thieves stole charity money from her shop.

A collection box containing more than £100 for HULA Animal Rescue was stolen from Mucky Pups Dog Grooming Salon in Bletchley last Wednesday morning.

Partner at the store, Tanya Stevens, said: "It has really upset us. We wouldn't even have minded so much if they had stolen from us, but to steal from a charity is heart-wrenching. They are the lowest scum of the earth.

"And how can we raise money now? We obviously can't put out a collection box any more. I just want these people caught."

HULA Animal Rescue is a small charity based in Aspley Guise which provides refuge and care to unwanted domestic animals and birds until suitable permanent homes can be found.

Andy Cakebread, deputy chairman at the charity, said: "I think it is a little sad that people would do this kind of thing. It's just not right.

"People give to charity believing it will make a difference. It does massive damage to people's faith."

It is believed the three men thought to be responsible for the theft returned the following day in an attempt to take a second collection box.

They are described as white and in their mid to late 20s. One had an Irish accent.

Tanya Stevens and Troy from Mucky Pups Dog Grooming Salon where a charity box was stolen

MKNEWS BRIEFS

School given minibus

FORMER BBC weatherman Bill Giles and MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, accompanied The Lord's Taverners to present a £33,000 minibus to Walnuts School, Hazeley, on Friday.

Pub offers classes

LOUGHTON'S Harvester pub is offering schools the chance to bring a class along for practical sessions about fruit and vegetables. The sessions involve a blind taste test, a tour of the kitchen, a quiz and some fun facts. E-mail schools@harvester-restaurants.com.

TV presenter search

MIDSUMMER Place shopping centre is searching for a presenter for its channel Fashion TV and is calling all fashionistas to come forward and apply. Send a recent photo and no more than 100 words as to why you think you should be part of Fashion TV to midsummerplace_mk@live.co.uk.

Cancer support group

THOSE affected by lymphatic cancer are being urged to attend a support group meeting on Thursday, March 3, from 2pm, at the Peartree Centre.

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She said: "When my mum died it was such a sudden death. I was only 19 at the time and my siblings were 18 and 14.

"Obviously it had a huge impact and ever since then I have tried to do bits for the charity here and there.

"I'm 37 now so it's a big thing on my mind at the minute."

Her first event will be Red for Heart Day on Friday when staff at stores throughout the centre will be dressed entirely in red, and Michelle is also hoping shoppers will do the same.

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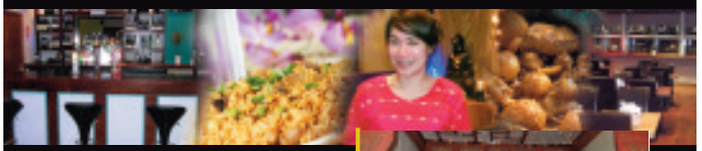

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Film to help firms reach minorities

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A SCHEME is being run to improve the way companies communicate with ethnic minorities.

Hard 2 Reach (H2R), run by the Milton Keynes Equality Council (MKEC), aims to raise awareness of communication problems between businesses and individuals through film.

The MKEC says firms like service and utility providers send out leaflets and documents to people in these communities who, due to language and culture barriers, cannot understand them.

Director of MKEC, Navrita Atwal, believes companies should make more effort to communicate with these people.

She said: "The message behind the film will be that it is the service providers that are hard to reach and not the individuals.

"It is about going that extra mile and finding workable ways of engaging with communities. It is hard work, but it is possible."

A series of clips of socially excluded or isolated communities will be filmed over 14 weeks funded by the National Lottery Awards for All. The film will then be premiered to more than 100 people at a cinema.

Programme leader: Outreach worker Ashley Makin

The programme is being led by outreach worker, Ashley Makin, who said: "I meet with voluntary organisations and community groups to see what support I can offer.

"It's important because without the help I can offer, they might not have anyone they can turn to."

The scheme is part of the lead-up to the DiverseArts:Live variety show, highlighting the cultural diversity of the area, for which MKEC is appealing for participants. Call 01908 606828 for more information.

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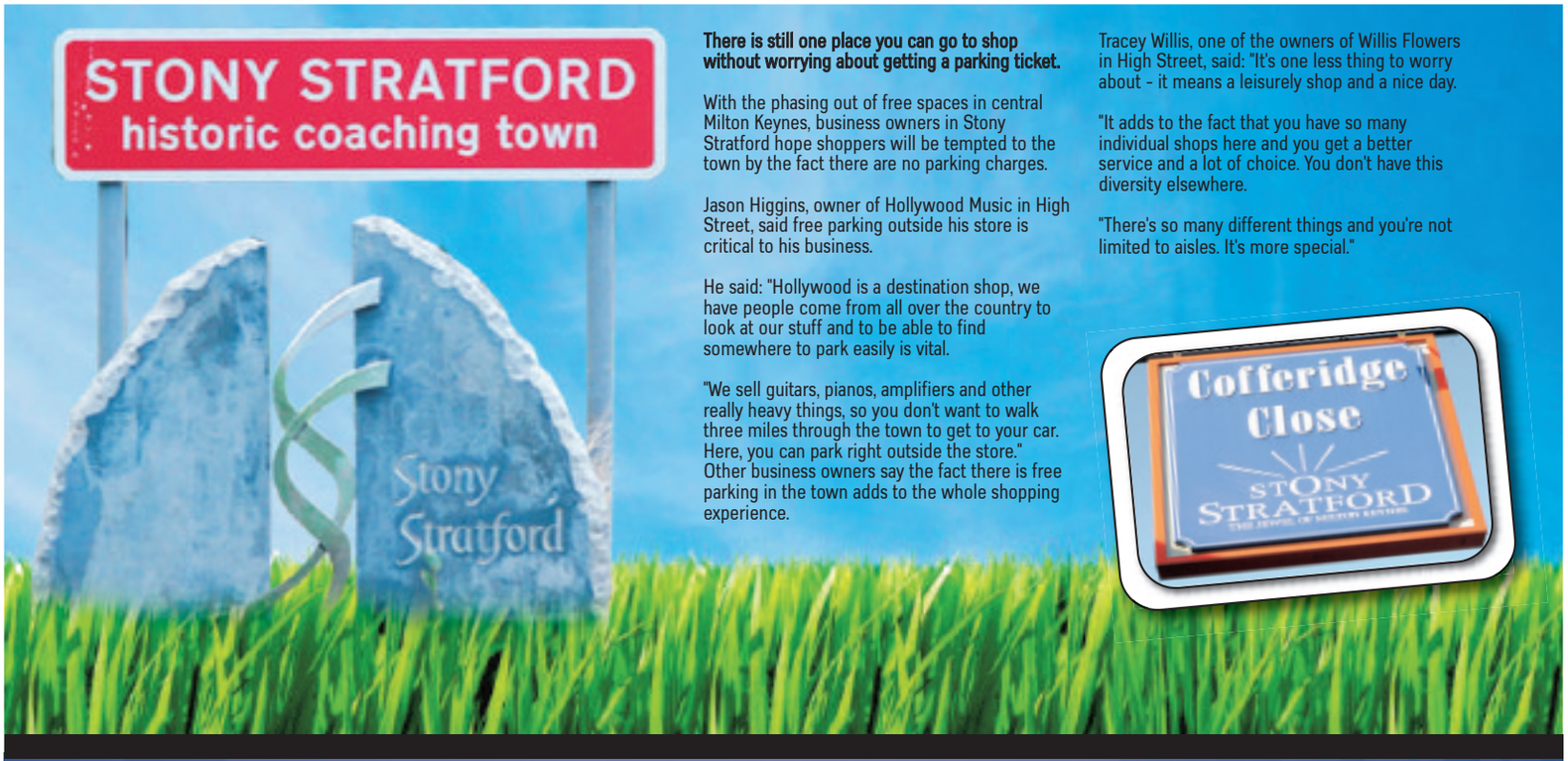

There is still one place you can go to shop without worrying about getting a parking ticket.

With the phasing out of free spaces in central Milton Keynes, business owners in Stony Stratford hope shoppers will be tempted to the town by the fact there are no parking charges.

Jason Higgins, owner of Hollywood Music in High Street, said free parking outside his store is critical to his business.

He said: "Hollywood is a destination shop, we have people come from all over the country to look at our stuff and to be able to find somewhere to park easily is vital.

"We sell guitars, pianos, amplifiers and other really heavy things, so you don't want to walk three miles through the town to get to your car. Here, you can park right outside the store." Other business owners say the fact there is free parking in the town adds to the whole shopping experience.

Tracey Willis, one of the owners of Willis Flowers in High Street, said: "It's one less thing to worry about - it means a leisurely shop and a nice day.

"It adds to the fact that you have so many individual shops here and you get a better service and a lot of choice. You don't have this diversity elsewhere.

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She said: "There's a real variety of shops here that give great customer service.

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"The parking helps - there's parking within walking distance of the High Street whether it's short stay or long stay, which means less stress for shoppers.

"There are often lots of different events, along with buskers, morris dancers in the summer, different festivals and lots to do in our different pubs."

The town has seven free public car parks with 300 long-stay parking places as well as more than 150 spaces for short-stay parking.

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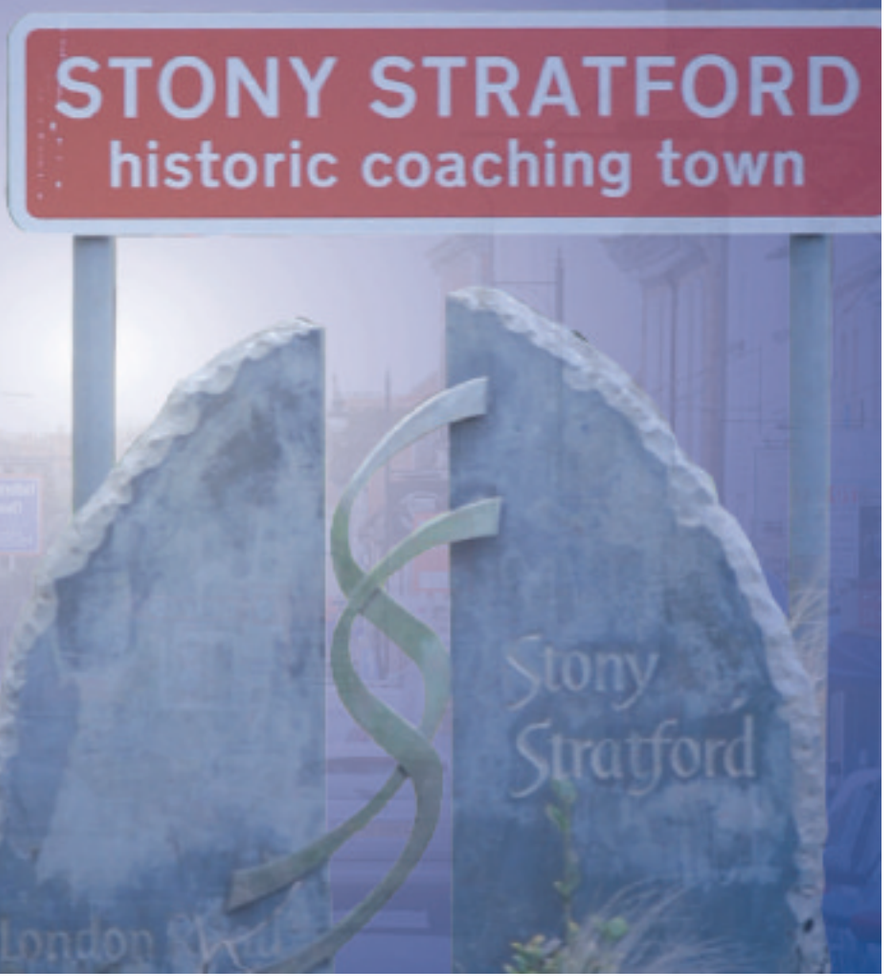

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Grant will help with genetic lung disorder

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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TWO brothers with a rare genetic disorder are hoping sufferers will be able to get treatment earlier after scientists received a grant.

Euan Copeland, 15, and his brother Gregor, 13, of Wavendon Gate, both have primary ciliary dyskinesia (PCD).

This means the hairs in their lungs fail to fully sweep-out germs and dust, allowing mucus and bacteria to build up – increasing congestion and infection.

Their mother, Fiona, is chairman of the national PCD support group.

She said: "At diagnosis we were very scared as we were told Euan had chronic lung disease and not knowing what this meant, we thought he was going to die.

"Then we had to deal with the guilt of it being a genetic condition - it was our fault he had the problem and if we had pushed for diagnosis earlier he would have had a better outcome."

Euan was diagnosed at the age of six, by which time a third of his lung had permanent damage due to untreated chest infections. Gregor was diagnosed aged four.

Fiona Copeland, chairman of the national PCD support group, with her sons Euan and Gregor

Scientists at University College London (UCL) are hoping to improve the lives of children suffering from PCD by providing a better and quicker diagnosis. They have been given a grant of £99,954 by children's health charity Action Medical Research.

Dr Hannah Mitchison, research project leader at UCL, said: "Early diagnosis can relieve children's suffering by giving them access to treatment that eases symptoms and slows disease progression. There is no cure for PCD, but the earlier a child's illness is diagnosed, the sooner the most appropriate treatment can begin."

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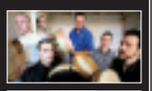

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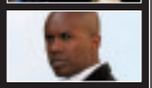

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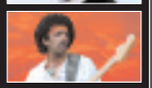

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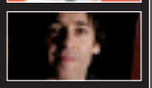

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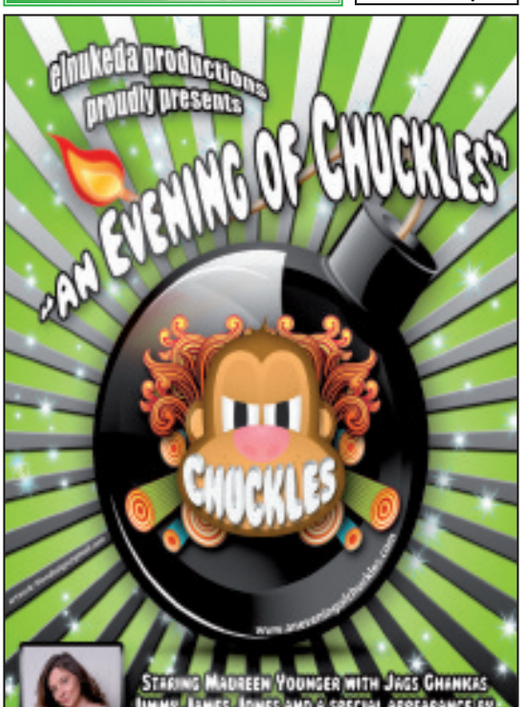

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Let's get the cover picture out of the way first, because quite honestly, it's ridiculous, even by the standards of this particular act.

What with all the dents and bumps she's had put on her face by her friendly neighbourhood make-up artist, these days she looks like Kryten from Red Dwarf.

There, I've said my piece – except I haven't finished yet. See, it's all very well going 'Look at me, I've butchered a colony of Muppets and I'm wearing their heads as a dress' or 'Look at me, I'm in an egg just like a cute baby duckling or alligator', but the image counts for nothing when you're listening to the song on your iPod or on the radio.

You can't see her – she could've done the cover photograph wearing the full 1993 Luton Town home kit for all the difference it'd make.

Nope, at the end of the day, the only thing the image is good for is the music video, and the only thing the video's good for is to promote the song, and when you get right down to brass tacks all that matters is the music and whether or not it's any good.

If it isn't, the whole thing's a waste of time, isn't it?

Well, now I come to think of it, this is actually really disappointing.

It shouldn't be, but it is.

It's full of beans and as high energy disco workouts go it's very efficient; oh, and by the way, let's not forget the 'be who you want to be, not what other people want you to be' message in the lyrics while we're at it.

All of this should come together nicely and it does. That's the problem right there, everything happens exactly as it's supposed to.

There's a nice little coda at the end, but that's about the only surprise.

Bad Romance had a stupid chant and mad singing, but a damned good tune and the first time I heard it, I didn't know what to make of it.

Born This Way pales in comparison, mainly because it's predictable.

Basically, it's one of those songs that motors along for three minutes trying to sound far more amazing than it actually is.

Despite all that though, an out-of-form Lady Gaga is still better than most of the stuff inside the Top 40, so it's not all bad I suppose.

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Saturday, 8pm
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Tuesday, 8pm
MARK has presented radio and television programmes including The Mark Steel Solution (Radio 4) and The Mark Steel Lectures (BBC2), and appeared on Have I Got News for You, QI and Never Mind the Buzzcocks. May contain strong language and adult material. Suitable for age 16-plus.
Tickets £15.

KAST OFF KINKS
Wednesday, March 2, 8pm
Mick Avory, Ian Gibbons, Jim Rodford and Dave Clark, four long-term members of the legendary Kinks with more than 60 years' service between them.
Tickets £16.

SUMUDU
Wednesday, March 2, 8.45pm
THIS singer-songwriter from London has sung with Dionne Warwick, Elvis Costello and Sir Bob Geldof.
Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door.

FAIRPORT CONVENTION
Thursday, March 3, 8pm
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JAZZ MATTERS
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HAMLET

National Theatre production

Tuesday-Saturday, March 1-5

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Olivier Award-winner Rory Kinnear plays Hamlet with the fantastic NT ensemble and Clare Higgins as Gertrude.

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The National Theatre's production of Hamlet

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Presented by Structo Magazine

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Structo is a Milton Keynes based, not-for-profit literary and poetry magazine. Published bi-annually, it brings together the best new fiction and poetry from around the world, alongside interviews with some of the most interesting authors working today.

An evening of readings from authors and poets, alongside film work and perhaps the odd performance.

Free entry.

FAMILY DAY

Saturday, noon-3pm.

AMID reports of sightings of the Loch Ness Monster at the Gallery, MK-based carnival arts company Festive Road, specialising in providing participatory fun for audiences of all ages, invites you to visit the Family Day to join the search.

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The parade will start at around 2.30pm.

Free entry.

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THE SOUND OF MOTOWN - HITSVILLE

Friday, 7.30pm

FROM the makers of Boogie Wonderband, Hitsville - The Sound of Motown and Northern Soul, is an eight-piece, fully live band, dedicated to authentically recreating the songs of artistes such as The Supremes, Temptations, Four Tops, Martha Reeves and many more.

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70S PARTY - BOOGIE WONDERBAND

Saturday, 7.30pm

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Tickets £25, including buffet.

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CRAUFURD ARMS

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Friday, 7.30pm

THIS Scottish-born sextet have been making music and travelling for the past five years. The band's genre is hard to determine, as their music constantly flirts with different sounds, including indie rock, progressive and experimental rock, as well as electronica. Their music is creative and a breath of fresh air in a scene overcrowded with clones.

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NEW TOWN KILLERS

Friday. 9pm.

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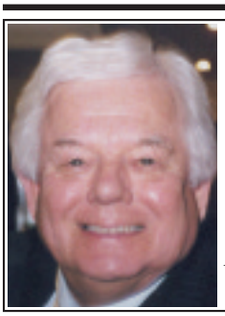

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TASTE **LIFE**

RAJ DOUTH
White Horse Drive, Emerson Valley
01908 506600
Reviewed by Kirsten Rawlins

Hidden gem: The Raj Douth in Emerson Valley

NEVER judge a book by its cover. Don't let the plain decor at the Raj Douth fool you – the place is a hidden gem.

This place certainly knows what it's doing and manager Abdul is at hand to share his extensive knowledge on the food and to make recommendations to suit taste.

He knows the menu like the back of his hand and was more than happy to make changes to ensure the best experience possible.

For starters my friend and I enjoyed the king prawn on puree and the chicken chat. The king prawn on puree may well be the best I have ever tasted. With a thick dry sauce and varied textures, the dish boasted flavours true to its roots with a contemporary twist.

The same goes for the rich and vibrant chicken chat which my friend enjoyed greatly. Not only were the starters delicious and incredibly fairly priced, the portions were hearty and the service was very efficient.

Next, and perfectly timed, came the mains.

Between the two of us we shared the jeera lamb (with added garlic) and chicken balti, with a (sizzling) garlic vegetable rezala as a side and a portion of vegetable rice and a keema and garlic nan bread (also with added garlic). Anybody noticing a theme here?

And the food was fantastic, so good I felt guilty not being able to finish it. But my friend soon took care of that.

If I were to recommend one thing as a must-have at the Raj Douth I would be torn.

The jeera lamb, with meat that oozed flavour and a vibrant sauce, was fantastic. The garlic and keema nan had more meat than I had ever seen and the flavour stood out. The vegetable rezala was simply delicious. I just couldn't choose which was the best.

And to finish - although by now I was truly flagging - I ordered a matka kulfi and my friend a choc ole. The deserts were a perfect end to a perfect evening, the light, creamy matka kulfi complementing the rich, spicy mains wonderfully.

DAILY LIFE

THURSDAY

THE Big Fat Quiz at The Craufurd Arms. Think you have the brains to outsmart the rest? Prizes to be won every week, minimum cash prize available from £30, and if its not won it will roll over to the following week. 7.30pm. Entry age 18-plus.

FOREST Fun. Half-term activity for the under tens with The Parks Trust. Learn about the great outdoors in Hazeley Wood. Games and activities including a tree trail, a treasure hunt and mask making. Cost £3 per child. Park in car park off Wickstead Avenue, Grange Farm, 10.30am-12.30pm. Booking essential. Call 01908 255379, or email events@theparkstrust.com.

PUSHCHAIRS in the Park. Wellies essential at this Parks Trust event. Activities for the under fives and a walk with or without your pushchair at Lodge Lake. Free. Park in car park, Bradwell Road, H4 Dansteed Way.

FRIDAY

X-TREME Survival Camp. Half-term activity for the over tens only. Learn survival techniques in Hazeley Wood. Places limited. Cost £3 per child, 10.30am-12.30pm. Park in car park off Wickstead Avenue, Grange Farm. Booking essential. Call 01908 255379, or email events@theparkstrust.com.

STONY Farmers' Market, Market Square, Stony Stratford. Local produce – cheese, fruit and veg, homemade sweet and savoury pies and fresh meat. From 8am-2pm.

CHUCKLES is back with a bang at the Ramada encore hotel. Comedy acts Maureen Younger, Jags Ghankas aka 'Asian Canadian' and Jimmy James Jones with a special appearance of Afro Dizzy Act – the Ventriloquist. Doors 7pm, starts 8pm. Tickets £6 advance, £8 on the door.

SATURDAY

BIG Cheeze at The White Horse, Stony Stratford. A triumphant return for these party-style rockers who took the Horse by storm last time. Starts at 9pm.

TIMOR Court Market – just off Stony Stratford High Street. Buy your weekly, fruit, veg, flowers, plants, bread, sweets, fish and much more. From 8am-4pm.

YOUTH Workshop. The Parks Trust is looking for young people to attend a focus group meeting at Campbell Park Pavillion (2pm) to explain what they would like to see happening within the parks and what events they would like to be involved in. Book at events@theparkstrust.com or call 01908 233600.

MONDAY

OPEN Access Tour at MK Gallery. Join the learning team for an informal tour of the current exhibition, Gerard Byrne Case Study: Loch Ness, including British sign language interpretation and audio description of the art works discussed. From 1-2pm. Free entry.

CURRY Quiz at the Naidni Restaurant, Stony Stratford. Enjoy a delicious set meal and a jolly quiz and raise money in aid of Rett Syndrome Association and Willen Hospice. Cost £15 per person. Booking essential. E-mail StonyCurryClub@hotmail.com. From 8-11pm.

THE Craufurd Arms Open Mic Night. Unwind those Monday blues with musical wonderment. From 8pm till late. Entry age 18-plus.

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Laughmasters: From left, Dan Evans Gary Delaney and Pete B Edwards

RED CARD COMEDY

Friday.

YOUR monthly dose of laughter at stadiummk returns with another three great acts compered by Geordie comic Micky Hutton with a rare combination of sharp wit, swaggering charm and years of experience.

He introduces the master of the one liners Gary Delaney who is widely regarded as being the most quotable comic on the circuit, the quantity of his stand out gags leaves you struggling to remember them all.

Self styled rock and roll poet and comedian Paul B Edwards with his quirky style, genial delivery and well crafted gags is a lively addition to any comedy show and his musical wordplay keeps the laughs coming.

The twisted logic of Dan Evans has been gladdening audiences for more than a decade, his crazy, intelligently written set is delivered with masterful style.

Tickets £11 in advance or £13 on the door.Tickets with dinner £21 (two-course meal) or £16.50 (one course).

To book call 0845 45 45 045, or visit www.doubletreemk.co.uk.

Doors 7.30pm, showtime 8.45pm.

BEER FESTIVAL

FIFTH COCK AND BULL REAL BEER FESTIVAL

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Friday and Saturday. Noon-11pm

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On Saturday evening, The Blisworth Tunnel Rats will entertain with their fine mix of Appalachian and other traditional music.

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Large Doner Kebab	4.50
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PICK 'n' MIX PIZZA!

FREE DELIVERY TO ALL MILTON KEYNES AREAS BASED ON A MINIMUM FOOD ORDER OF £9

Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawn, Anchovies, Chicken, Beef, Sausage, Bacon, Pineapple, Ham, Salami, Pepperonni, Chicken Tikka, Olives, Mushrooms, Corn, Onions, Pepper, Garlic, Jalepeno, BBQ Sauces

	9" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL	12" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL	12" DEEP PAN	15" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL
CHEESE & TOMATO BAS plus ANY 2 DIFFERENT TOPPINGS	9.50	10.50	12.00	15.00
CHEESE & TOMATO BAS plus ANY 4 DIFFERENT TOPPINGS (ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS £1)	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
CHEESE & TOMATO BAS plus ANY 8 DIFFERENT TOPPINGS	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00

PIZZA MENU

ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS £1

FREE DELIVERY TO ALL MILTON KEYNES AREAS BASED ON A MINIMUM ORDER OF £9

STEP 01: CHOOSE YOUR PIZZA BASE
* REGULAR BASE (Our Famous Original Crust)
* STUFFED CRUST (Add £1.50 per pizza 9" & 12" only)
* CHICAGO DEEP-PAN (American style deep crust)

STEP 02: SELECT YOUR PIZZA TASTE

	9" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL	12" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL	12" Deep Pan	15" REGULAR OR TRADITIONAL
1. PAPA LUIGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Mushroom, Salami, Peppers, Olives, Anchovies	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
2. HOT "N" SPICY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Peppers, Jalapenos, Garlic	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
3. VEGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese, Peppers, Corn, Mushrooms, Pineapple, Olives, Onion	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
4. PESCATORE Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawns, Anchovies	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
5. BBQ BONANZA Cheese, BBQ Sauce, Red Onions, Spicy Beef, Sausage	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
6. TEXAN BBQ BBQ Sauce, Cheese, Onion, Peppers, BBQ Chicken, Bacon	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
7. PEPPERONI FEAST Double Mozzarella, Double Pepperoni	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
8. MILANESE Tomato, Cheese, Ham , Mushrooms	£9.50	£10.50	£12.00	£15.00
9. HAWAIIAN Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Pineapple	£9.50	£10.50	£12.00	£15.00
10. MIGHTY MEATY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
11. CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA Tomato, Cheese, Chicken Tikka, Onion, Peppers	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
12. NEW YORKER Tomato, Onion & Green Peppers, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	£10.30	£12.00	£14.00	£17.00
13. MEAT LOVERS Tomato, Cheese, Double Salami, Double Pepperoni, Double Ham, Double Beef	£12.00	£14.00	£16.00	£19.00

NOW OPEN UNTIL 5AM!

FAMILY FEAST

Delivery Offer

Any 3 12" traditional pizza, 3 side orders No15-21 from main menu, one 1.5ltr Coke or Diet Coke

£23.95

*BUY ONE - GET ONE FREE!

NOTE: No other discounts apply with this promotion & prices are subject to change without notice BUY ONE PIZZA & GET ONE PIZZA (of same value) FREE

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DIAL A PIZZA

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Pizza

	9" (6 slices) Standard	12" (8 slices) Standard	12" (8 slices) Deep Pan	15" Standard
MARGHERITA (V) Cheese & Tomato	£9.30	£10.30	£11.50	£14.50
FUNGHI Cheese & Tomato + mushrooms				
SALAMI Cheese Tomato + salami	£9.30	£10.50	£11.80	£14.80
MARINARO Cheese & Tomato + tuna, prawns, anchovies				
CAPRES Cheese & Tomato + salami, mushrooms				
PAZZA Cheese & Tomato + salami, ham				
MILANO Cheese & Tomato + ham, mushrooms				
HAWAIIAN Cheese & Tomato + ham, pineapple				
POLLO Cheese & Tomato + chicken, mushrooms	£9.50	£11.00	£12.00	£15.00
TEXAS Cheese & Tomato + beef, bacon				
DIXIE Cheese & Tomato + ham, bacon				
BOSTON Cheese & Tomato + salami, sausage				
L.A. Cheese & Tomato + ham, beef				
GEORGIA Cheese & Tomato + beef, onions, pepper				
MIAMI (V) Cheese & Tomato + corn, mushrooms, peppers, onions				
BBQ BONANZA Cheese & tomato + BBQ sauce, red onion, spicy beef, sausage				
PEPPERONI FEAST Cheese & Tomato + double mozzarella, double pepperoni	£9.80	£11.00	£13.00	£16.00
PICANTE Cheese & Tomato + salami, peppers, garlic, chilli				

NEW GARLIC BREAD PIZZA 9" £3.95 12" £4.95

STUFFED CRUST 9" £1.50 per pizza 12" £1.50 per pizza 15" £2.00 per pizza

DIAL A PIZZA

ALL WEEK DEAL

Any pizza + choice of side order 1-9 on main menu + 1.5 ltrt bottle of coke

MEDIUM 12" TRADITIONAL PIZZA £10.95

LARGE 15" TRADITIONAL PIZZA £14.95

FAMILY DEAL

Any 2 pizzas + garlic bread pizza + choice of side order 1-9 on main menu

2 x 9" SMALL £16.95

2 x 12" MEDIUM £19.95

2 x 15" LARGE £22.95

Delivered

Buy 1 Get 1 FREE

Buy One Pizza & Get One Pizza (of the same value) FREE

	9" (6 slices) Standard	12" (8 slices) Standard	12" (8 slices) Deep Pan	15" Standard
DIAL A PIZZA SPECIAL Cheese & Tomato + 8 toppings of your choice				
CHICKEN TIKKA MASSALA Cheese & Tomato + chicken tikka, onions, peppers	£10.30	£12.00	£14.30	£17.00
TEXAN BBQ Cheese & Tomato + BBQ sauce, onion, peppers, BBQ chicken, bacon				
DALLAS Cheese & Tomato + ham, salami, chicken, beef, bacon,sausage				
MEAT LOVERS Cheese & Tomato + double salami, double pepperoni, double ham, & double beef	£12.00	£14.00	£16.00	£19.00
CALZONE Cheese & Tomato & ham, salami, mushrooms	£9.80	£11.20	N/A	N/A

SIDE ORDERS

1. Garlic Bread (4 pcs)	£1.50
2. Garlic Bread (4 pcs) with cheese	£2.50
3. French Fries	£1.20
4. Prawn Cocktail	£2.70
5. Potato Wedges	£2.00
6. Mixed Salad	£1.50
7. Coleslaw	£1.40
8. Garlic Mushrooms	£1.70
9. Onion Rings (10 pcs)	£2.00
BBQ Spare Pork Ribs	£4.50
2 Potato Skins + BBQ dip filled with mozzarella	£3.00

SF CHICKEN, Kebabs, Burgers

Chicken Combo (6 pcs) potato wedges + 3 dips	£4.90
Chicken Dipper (6 pcs) + 1 dip	£3.00
Choice of dips – garlic, herb, BBQ, sweet chilli, sour cream and chives	£0.35
BBQ chicken wings (6 pcs) + 1 dip	£3.50
Hot chicken wings (6 pcs) + 1 dip	£3.50
Chicken Burger with mayonnaise, salad,french fries	£3.95
Southern Fried Chicken (2 pcs) with french fries	£3.50
Southern Fried Chicken (3 pcs) with french fries	£4.50
Southern Fried Chicken (4 pcs) with french fries	£5.50
Steak meal with button mushrooms, french fries, salad	£9.00
Doner Kebab – small	£3.50
Doner Kebab – large	£4.50
1/2lb Burger meal with relish, salad, french fries	£3.95

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Tattenhoe

FACING mature parkland that joins Howe Park Woods, offering a peaceful, rural feel – yet in the heart of the city.

This is one of the largest gardens you can see in a new home in Milton Keynes in this price range.

In addition, the unique plot of this three to four-bedroom detached house, with a large drive and double garage, lies on the edge of the woods and is set on a development of just five houses.

Specification is as you would expect with such items as granite kitchen worktops, open fire and fitted wardrobes to three of the bedrooms.

Price £449,000.

For further details on this rare opportunity, call Taylors Milton Keynes 01908 677227.

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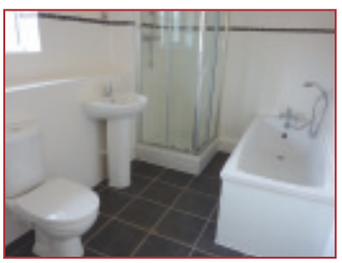

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Walnut Tree £450,000

• This recently built 4 bedroom detached
• situated in an attractive cul-de-sac.
• 3 Reception Rooms
• 2 en suites and family bathroom• Generous dressing room to the master.
• Double garage style car port • Mature and private gardens to the rear.

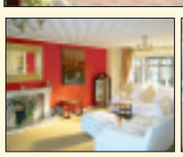
Furzton £500,000

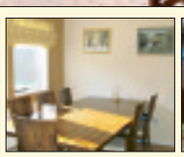
•Well presented detached residence situated on a corner plot
•Two reception rooms •Kitchen/Breakfast room
•Downstairs shower room
•Master Bedroom with dressing room and en suite •3 further bedrooms
•Off road parking for 4/5 vehicles and double garage

Giffard Park £499,950

•Beautifully presented detached residence
•Five double bedrooms •Ensuite and dressing room to master
•Numerous reception rooms
•Generous private parking and double garage •Mature front and rear gardens

Giffard Park £499,950



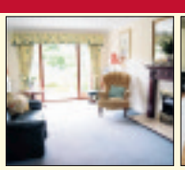


• This ideally located four double bedroom detached executive residence
• 4 reception rooms • Kitchen/breakfast • Master bedroom enjoying a dressing room and impressive en suite
• Large storage/hobby room currently used as 5th bedroom • Boasts a generous first floor balcony
• Enjoys a private block paved driveway with parking for numerous vehicles in front of the oversized detached double garage
• To the rear is a substantial patio area which runs the length of the rear garden opening onto the lawn.

Nash £377,750

•NO UPPER CHAIN•
• Refurbished stylish family home
• Separate reception rooms
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Master bedroom with en suite and dressing room
• Mature gardens
• Tandem garage

Furzton Lake £435,000



• A beautifully presented five bedroom detached executive residence
• Situated in a sought after cul-de-sac close in the popular Furzton Lake.
• 19ft kitchen/breakfast
• En suite to master bedroom
• Generous private driveway
• Glorious landscaped gardens to both front and rear
• Double garage

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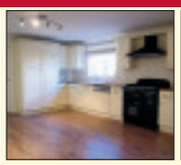
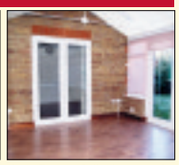
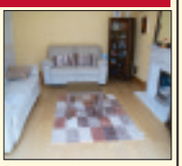
Oxley Park £425,000

• Immaculately Presented • Beautifully Located
• Overlooking the North Bucks Way
• Four Bedrooms • Two Ensuites
• Front and Rear Gardens • Ample Off Road Parking
• Viewing Highly Recommended

Kingsmead £435,000



• Beautifully Presented
• Five Double Bedroom
• Executive Detached
• Conservatory
• Kitchen/Bfast/Family Room
• Three En Suites
• Double Garage
• No Upper Chain

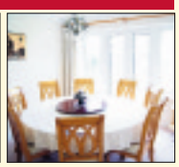
Kingsmead £415,000

•Four/Five Detached Property
•34ft Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room
•Lounge & Dining Room
•Conservatory & Study
•Two En Suites
•Double Garage
•Landscaped Rear Garden

Shenley Brook End £399,950

• Four/Five Bedroom Detached
• Ensuite to Master Bedroom
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking and Garage
• Viewing Recommended

Caldecotte £450,000



• A five bedroom detached executive residence
• 3 Reception rooms •Kitchen/breakfast room
•Utility room and downstairs cloakroom
• Family bathroom with an en suite and dressing room to the master suite
• Private parking and double garage

Broughton £525,000

• Contemporary Built
• Three Storeys
• Six Bedrooms
• Two En Suites
• Conservatory
• Garage
• No Upper Chain

Caldecotte £395,000

• Four Bedroom Executive Style Home
• Cul-De-Sac Location
• Separate Receptions
• Two En Suites
• Double Garage
• Landscaped Rear Garden
• Sought After Area

Caldecotte £425,000

• A very well presented four bedroom detached property
• Three reception rooms
• Three bathrooms
• Driveway providing ample parking
• Detached double garage
• Lovely rear garden
• Must be viewed to appreciate

Caldecotte £425,000

•Beautifully Presented Four Bedroom
•Sought After Location
•Cloakroom
•Kitchen/Breakfast Room
•Two En Suites
•Double Garage and Gardens

Caldecotte £425,000

• A stunning four double bedroom detached property
• 3 Reception Rooms,
• Master bedroom with dressing area and en suite shower room
• Three further bedrooms and a family bathroom
• Detached double garage

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WANTED!

Natalia urgently requires 2 and 3 beds in Emerson Valley. If you are looking to sell please call her on 01908 678151.

Public Notice

Taylors Estate Agents are in receipt of an offer of £290,000 for 5 Aldrich Drive, Willen, Milton Keynes, MK15 9HP. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should call Taylors Estate Agents on 01908 678151 within seven days of this offer or before exchange of contracts.

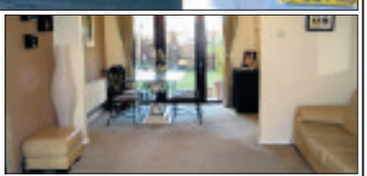
Bolbeck Park £199,995

- Link Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Glazing
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Kents Hill £154,995

- Extremely Well Presented
- Two Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- No Upper Chain

Property of the Week! £242,995



- Much Improved • Four Bedroom Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom • Kitchen and Utility
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage and Off Road Parking

Neath Hill £110,000

- Top Floor
- Two Bedroom Maisonette
- Central Location
- Gas Heating
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Ashland £239,950

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Rear Garden & Parking

WANTED!

Anthony urgently requires 3 beds in Westcroft. If you are looking to sell please call him now on 01908 678151.

Furzton OIEO £200,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Bradville OIEO £115,000

- Three/Four bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Downhead Park £122,500

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

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WANTED!

Renja urgently requires 2 and 3 beds in the Shenleys.

If you are looking to sell please call her on 01908 678151

Stantonbury Fields £139,995

- Much Improved
- Two Bedroom Home
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Must Be Viewed!

Caldecotte £219,995

- Well Presented Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage and Off Road Parking

Bradwell Common £274,995

- Extremely Well Presented
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master
- Parking & Garage
- Rear Garden

Grange Farm OIEO £200,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite to Master
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Garage

Milton Keynes Guide Price £190,000

- Much Converted Townhouse
- Flexible Accommodation
- Over Three Floors
- Self Contained Apartment
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Garden and Parking

Fishermead £144,995

- Three Bedroom
- Terrace Townhouse
- Lounge with Balcony
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Rear Garden
- Garage

WANTED!

Devin Hipkin Marketing Manager urgently requires 3 bed detached properties in Walton Park for waiting buyers.

If you are looking to sell please call him now on 01908 678151.

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New Bradwell £110,000

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Viewing Recommended

Wolverton Guide Price £144,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Victorian Style
- Terraced Home
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom

Stony Stratford £245,000

- Extremley Well Presented
- Three/Four Bedroom
- Bungalow
- Refitted Kitchen And Bathroom
- Garage
- Must be Viewed

Stony Stratford Guide £175,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Style Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden

Wolverton Guide £170,000

- Well Presented Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Single Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Wolverton Guide £164,995

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Terrace
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Viewing Recommended

Two Mile Ash £144,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Much Improved Property
- Double Glazing
- Refitted Kitchen
- Garden
- One Reception Room

Deanshanger £225,000

- Well presented and extended property
- Four bedrooms
- En suite to master bedroom
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Study
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage and off road parking

Greenleys OIEO £80,000

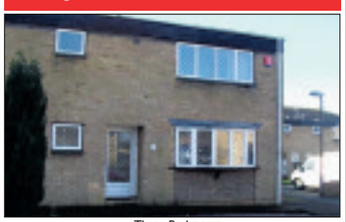
- Ground floor flat
- One bedroom
- Refitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Bathroom
- Garden

Wolverton £150,000

- Terraced House
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Area
- Garden

Stony Stratford £239,000

- Link Detached
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Extended
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- Must Be Viewed

Stony Stratford £150,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Propetry
- No Upper Chain
- One Recepetion Room
- Garage
- Gardens

Hodge Lea £120,000

- Three bedrooms
- Mid Terraced Property
- One Reception Room
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

New Bradwell OIEO £125,000

- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Victorian Mid Terrace Property
- Refitted Famiy Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens

Wanted
Two bedroom bungalow in Old Stratford or Stony Stratford for waiting buyers

Wanted
Four bedroom detached property in Stony Stratford and Old Stratford for waiting buyers

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Poets Estate £217,995

- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Buckingham Road £150,000

- Semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Front and rear gardens
- Off road parking

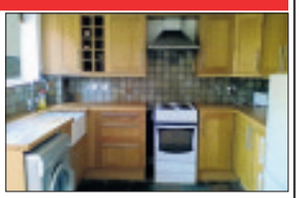
Trees Estate OIEO £180,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Scotts OIEO £110,000

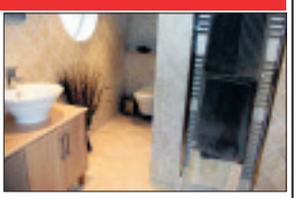
- Well Presented
- One Double Bedroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- No Upper Chain

Bletchley £136,995



- Mid terraced home
- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage in block

Property Of The Week Guide £265,000



- Extended Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen & Cloakroom
- En Suite & Dressing Room to Master
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Counties OIEO £130,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Kitchen/ Dining Room
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Central Bletchley £115,000

- First floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Reception room
- Viewing recommended

Poets Estate £179,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Study/Family Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Eaton Mill OIEO £169,995

- Semi detached property
- Four bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Gardens to front and rear
- One and a half length garage
- Off road parking

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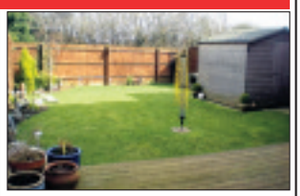

- Well presented
- Four bedroom detached property
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens
- Off road parking and garage

Oxley Park £250,000

- Well presented
- Semi detached
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite to master
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway and garage

Shenley Lodge £134,995

- Well presented
- Two bedroom bungalow
- Conservatory
- Rear garden
- Off road parking
- Available to the over 50's
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Furzton £215,000

- Detached Three Bedroom Property
- En Suite to Master
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Single Garage

Westcroft Guide Price £210,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Single Garage

Newton Longville £190,000

- Character Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Garden

Shenley Lodge £155,000

- Semi detached
- Two bedrooms
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway
- Viewing recommended

Westcroft Guide Price £235,000

- Well Presented
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Shenley Lodge £150,000

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

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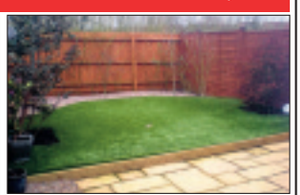

- Well presented
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite to master
- Rear garden
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Bozeat £325,000

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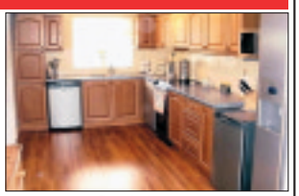
• Separate reception rooms
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Enclosed rear garden
• Off road parking

Lavendon £230,000

•Three Bedroom Detached Chalet Style Property
•Cloakroom
•Lounge/Diner
•Kitchen
•Family Bathroom
•Front & Rear Garden
•Garage
•Driveway

Newport Pagnell £210,000



•Detached property
•Three bedrooms
•Downstairs cloakroom/utility
•Lounge
•Kitchen/diner
•Large Conservatory
•Garage and off road parking

Lavendon £199,995

• Well Presented
• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Conservatory
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £60,000

• One Bedroom
• Lounge/ Dining Room
• Kitchen
• Bathroom

Sherington Guide Price £230,000

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Bozeat Guide Price £180,000

• Three Bedrooms
• Detached
• Cloakroom
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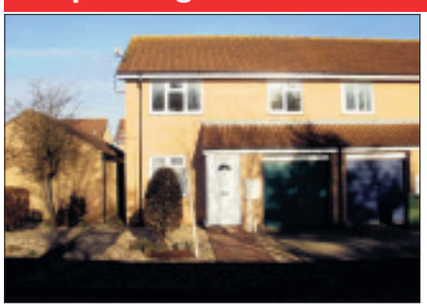
• Bathroom
• Front & Rear Gardens

Newport Pagnell £185,000



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• Lounge/Diner
• Refitted Kitchen
• Refitted Bathroom
• Garage
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• Deposit Incentive Available.

Olney Guide Price £150,000

• Mid Terrace
• Two Bedrooms
• Kitchen/Diner
• Refitted Bathroom
• Garden

Lavendon £350,000

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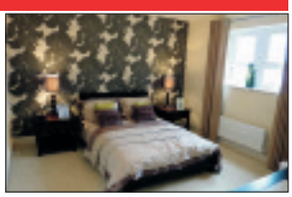

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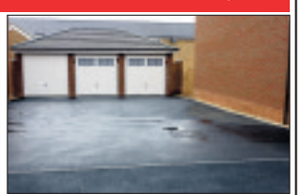

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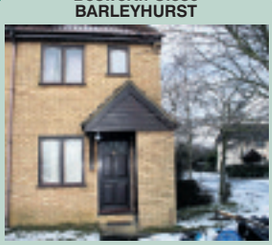

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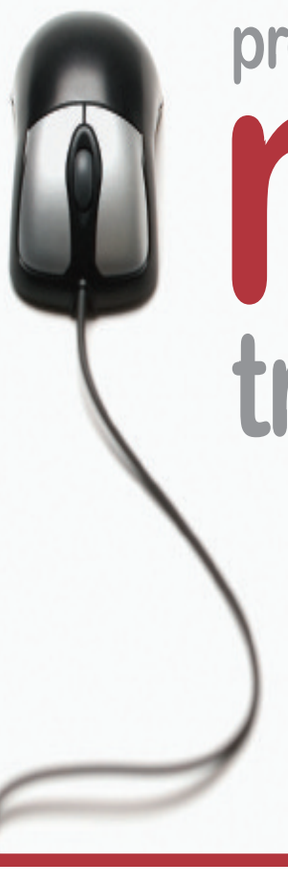

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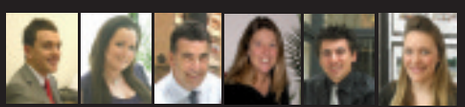

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MKBUSINESS

‘Crocked’ holidaymaker hits on a new ‘old’ idea

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A VINTAGE idea has helped a mother return to work after a serious accident.

Three years ago, Sophie Fairless, 39, from Broughton, suffered brain injuries and ended up in a coma after falling off a cliff in Spain.

Now she is returning to work with her new business, Woburn Sands-based Vintage Style Co, with business partner Angela Keeley.

The company, launching next month, offers vintage-era crockery, including dessert trolleys, for hire for events such as weddings, parties and afternoon tea and will offer vintage hampers for picnics.

Mrs Fairless said: “The Duchess of Woburn started the trend of afternoon tea which became popular in the 1930s to 1940s, and it’s a growing trend again.

“The idea came from Angela in January when we were both just doing up some furniture and distressing it. As soon as she said it, I thought it would be wonderful, a great idea. I have the eye for this kind of thing – my dad’s an antiques dealer so I get it from him. We love the idea that the things we’re using are pre-loved, and we can use local cottage industries, like local jams from Woburn Sands.

“We are both passionate about antiques and taking something old and shabby and turning it into something beautiful.”

She said the whole experience is helping her recover from her horrific accident.

She added: “I was someone who was a natural organiser and communicator and that was taken away from me, so I have to relearn everything. I didn’t know what to do to get into work, so I needed to get into something gradually.

“This has helped me to really get organised in business.”

Tea for two: Sophie Fairless, pouring, and Angela Keeley with some of their vintage crockery

Selling and services skills, retail finance and planning – Portas style

CITY retailers are being offered the chance to polish up their skills with Mary Portas master classes.

The seven workshops, run by the skillscentre:mk, cover a variety of subjects including selling and services skills, retail finance and business planning.

Jackie Small, manager of the skillscentre:mk, said: “The skillscentre:mk is delighted to be one of the handful of nationwide venues delivering these master classes. The courses are designed as a real look at how to compete in the massive High Street today and train retailers up in every facet that’s relevant to modern retailing.”

The workshops, open to aspiring retailers, store owners and managers, will run throughout February, March, April and May.

Mary Portas said: “We enjoy shopping – it’s our favourite pastime and we should be proud of the incredibly varied High Street we have and fight to ensure its future. These master classes will really help in that fight.”

■ For more information, visit thecentremk.com/Jobs/Skill-Centre-and-Training.

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Bad pensions advice

PERSPECTIVE Financial Management (PFM), in Wolverton Mill, has been fined £49,000 by the Financial Services Authority for failing to check the suitability of the pension switching advice it gave its customers.

An investigation found shortcomings in the way PFM monitored its pension switching advice, resulting in customers receiving unsuitable advice.

Gluen-free pub menu

AN EXCLUSIVELY gluten-free menu for people who suffer from a coeliac disease has been launched at a city pub.

The Galleon Pub, in Old Wolverton Village, has updated its menu following its refurbishment and the appointment of a new management team.

Estate agent licensed

CITY-BASED Christopher Rose Property Consultants has been awarded Licensed NAEA Estate Agent status.

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Co-op – good with kids

GREAT Linford pupils opened a newly refurbished Co-op last Thursday.

Youngsters from St Andrew’s School cut the ribbon with store manager Neville Kerry to mark the occasion. The school has also received £200 from the company.

Birthday celebration

VEHICLE hire company South Mids is about to celebrate its first year in Milton Keynes.

Following its move into a new unit in Chancery Gate Business Park, Goulds Close, Bletchley, owner Mustapher Jeaban praised his staff and customers who have supported the company in the last 12 months.

Downturn-upturn

PROFESSIONALS at Cranfield University have said one of the biggest challenges to company success over the next two years will be innovation investments.

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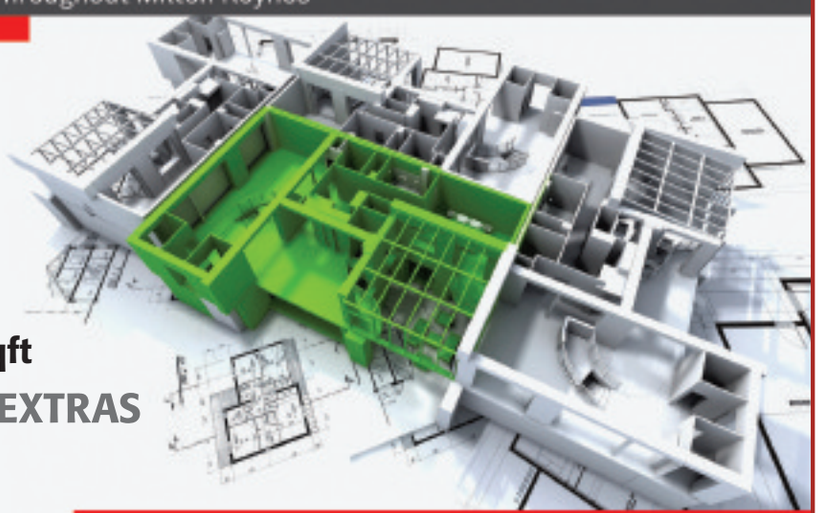

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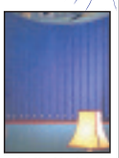
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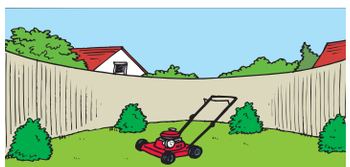

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1) (CHAUL END ROAD, CADDINGTON) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the whole length of Chaul End Road, Caddington.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing work to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over ONE DAY on Saturday 12th March 2011. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on Chaul End Road in a southerly direction to it's junction with Dunstable Rd. Turn right and continue on Dunstable Rd to junction with A5. Turn right and continue on A5 to junction with Church Rd., Dunstable. Turn right and continue on Church Rd then Luton Rd to roundabout with Skimpot Rd. Take 3rd exit and continue on Skimpot Rd to roundabout with Hatters Way. Take 2nd exit and continue on Hatters Way to junction with Chaul End Road and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 12th March 2011 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, *as detailed above,* whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1) (A505 CHURCH ROAD, DUNTABLE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of A505 Church Road, Dunstable which extends from the A5 High Street to Station Road.

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It is expected that the works will take place between Monday 14th March and Thursday 31st March 2011 OVERNIGHT between 8:00pm and 6:00am. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on A505 Church Rd to junction with Boscombe Rd. Turn left and continue on Boscombe Rd to roundabout with Porz Ave. Take 3rd exit and continue on Porz Ave., taking 2nd exit at next roundabout, to roundabout with Park Rd North, Houghton Regis. Take 1st exit and then 1st exit at next roundabout and continue on Park Rd North to roundabout with East End. Take 1st exit and continue on East End then The Green, High St and Houghton Rd to junction with A5 Dunstable. Turn left and continue on A5 to junction with A505 Church Rd and site and vice versa.

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(BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DISTRICT OF SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AREA AND SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT AREA) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2008) (VARIATION NO 12) ORDER 2011

On the 21st February 20110 Central Bedfordshire Council made a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

To introduce No Waiting At Any Time on the following lengths of road in Dunstable:

A. Northern corner of Humphrys Road

1. Humphrys Road, north-west and north-east sides, from a point approximately 17 metres south-west of the north-east flank wall of no.16 Humphrys Road in a north-easterly, then south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 126 metres.
2. Humphrys Road, south-east and south-west sides, from a point approximately 17 metres south-west of the north-west flank wall of no.16 Humphrys Road in a north-easterly, then south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 86 metres.

B. Southern corner of Humphrys Road

1. Humphrys Road, south-west side, from a point approximately 8 metres south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.11 Humphrys Road in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 40 metres.
2. Humphrys Road, south side, from the south-eastern end of the access road to the rear of nos.1 to 3 Humphrys Road in a generally easterly direction for a distance of approximately 43 metres.
3. Humphrys Road, north-east and north-west sides, from a point approximately 8 metres south-east of the north-west flank wall of no.11 Humphrys Road in a south-easterly, then north-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 104 metres.

C. Eastern corner of Humphrys Road

1. Humphrys Road, both sides, from a point approximately 30 metres south-east of the projection of the north-western flank wall of no.7 Humphrys Road in a southerly, then south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 102 metres.

Date of Operation: The Order will come into operation on the 28th February 2011.

Further Details: of the Order and a plan showing the lengths of road affected may be examined during normal opening hours at Dunstable Library, Vernon Place Dunstable LU5 4HA.

High Court Challenge: Any person who desires to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the ground that it is not within the powers of the relevant Section of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the ground that any requirement of that Section had not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the 21st February 2011 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Basil Jackson, Assistant Director for Highways
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The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and/or Conservation Area Consent have been received and may be inspected at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ during normal office hours.

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Assistant Director Development Management **20 February 2011**

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/00141/LB Affects Listed Building or its Setting
PROPOSAL: Listed Building Consent: Alteration to conservatory roof.
LOCATION: The Grange, Church End, Hockliffe, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9NL

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/00216/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL: Construction of pitched roof over existing garage
LOCATION: 10 The Lane, Tebworth, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9QB

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/00522/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL: Change of use from living accommodation to nursery classroom and construction of covered area.
LOCATION: Pulford Lower School, Pulford Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1AB

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/00083/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL: Erection of 3 dwellings on 15a New Road and Adjacent Land of 15 New Road including demolition of 15a New Road and outbuildings.
LOCATION: 15 New Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2LS

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/00379/LB Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL: Installation of 1 non illuminated A1 portrait window marketing display unit located to front inside of shop.
LOCATION: 12 14 High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1JY

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PROPOSAL: Construction of a solar energy farm, to include the installation of solar panels transformer housings, access track, security fencing, and other associated works
LOCATION: Cotswold Farm Business Park, Millfield Lane, Caddington, Luton, LU1 4AJ

APPLICATION NO: CB/11/00501/OUT Major Development & General Publicity
PROPOSAL: Outline application: Erection of up to 165 dwellings with associated play space, landscaping, allotments, parking and access roads.
LOCATION: Brickyard Quarry, Grovebury Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4SQ

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PROPOSAL: Change of use of allotment land into two all weather football training pitches installation of floodlighting, ball stop netting, car parking and access barrier
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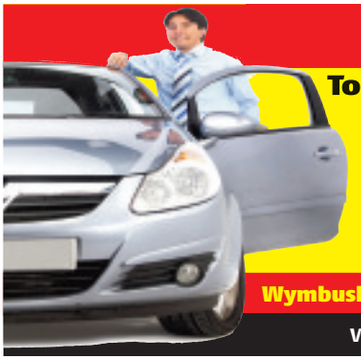

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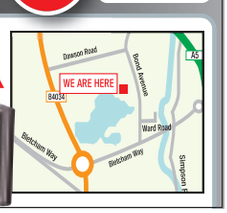

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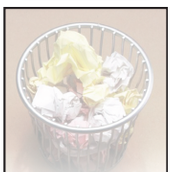
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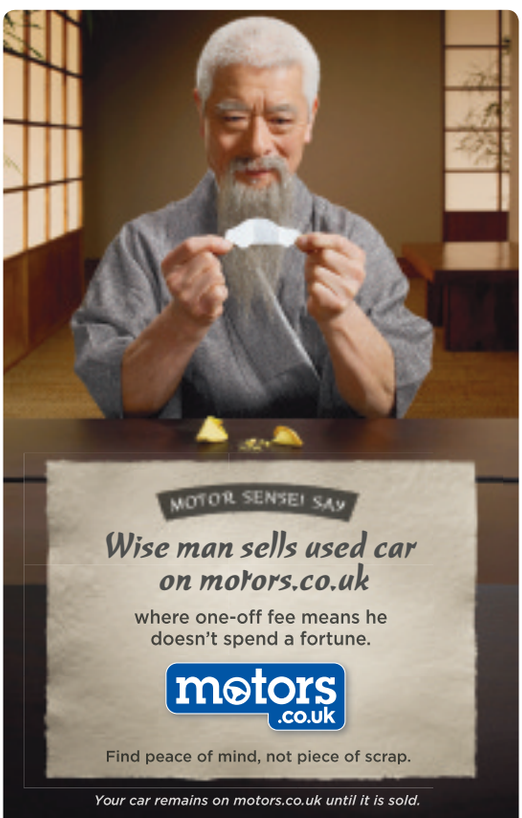

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7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC)	H	1-1
	(Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)		
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
5	Sheff Wed	A	2-2
12	Brentford	H	1-1
15	Leyton Orient	H	2-3
19	Hartlepool	A	1-0
22	Oldham	H	0-0
26	Brighton	H	

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
21	Peterborough	H
25	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

MINE and Karl's philosophy is to play open attacking football.

Our game against Leyton Orient last Tuesday was two footballing sides that play that way. Orient are a good little side and after the game Russel Slade said to me and Karl, 'a few years ago you would never have seen that level of football at League One level'.

It shows the standard after they drew with Arsenal on Sunday and Arsene Wenger is right, teams from the lower division are a lot quicker, stronger and more technical than in the past.

Some of the football on show versus Orient was equal to the standard of a top Championship side. We were unlucky to lose that game and we should have been three or four up by half-time. I felt we were the better team and a draw wouldn't have been unfair.

We got a hard fought win against Hartlepool at the weekend which was just reward. Young Dan Powell took his goal very well.

Neither the weather nor the pitch was the best. We were sitting in the hotel and it started to snow but luckily by the time we got to the ground it had turned to rain. For the style of football we play the pitch wasn't in our favour but our lads defended magnificently in that game.

I know their manager, Mick Wadsworth, said they battered us but they didn't really cause any problems.

Brighton are next up at stadiummk on Saturday and having coached Gus Poyet and Mauricio Taricco while I was at Spurs I'm not surprised one bit by their success. They are both winners and both want to play the game the right way by attacking and I look forward to the game.

Sammy Baldock has returned to training and he could be in line to play some part in the game against Brighton and if we can get him and Angelo Balonta back soon it's going to be a big boost for our striking options.

Add to this Rowan Vine who we're helping to full fitness and that would be a good thing too. I honestly believe Rowan needs one goal and he can go off on a scoring run.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME				AWAY						
1	Brighton	29	11	4	0	36	10	6	4	4	20	12	34	59
2	Bournemouth	32	11	4	2	37	14	4	6	5	17	18	22	55
3	Huddersfield	31	9	4	3	24	12	6	3	6	26	23	15	52
4	Peterborough	31	11	3	3	48	34	4	2	8	19	26	7	50
5	Southampton	29	8	4	3	24	9	6	3	5	26	18	23	49
6	MK Dons	33	9	4	3	24	16	5	3	9	20	30	-2	49
7	Charlton	29	8	3	4	20	20	5	5	4	28	22	6	47
8	Oldham	32	7	6	3	25	19	4	7	5	19	21	4	46
9	Colchester	31	8	6	2	27	22	3	6	6	12	18	-1	45
10	Rochdale	29	6	6	2	24	17	5	5	5	18	17	8	44
11	Leyton Orient	29	8	4	2	28	13	3	6	6	21	27	9	43
12	Carlisle	30	6	6	4	27	20	5	3	6	14	14	7	42
13	Exeter	31	6	4	4	26	23	5	5	7	20	29	-6	42
14	Hartlepool	31	6	4	5	21	24	5	4	7	10	21	-14	41
15	Brentford	30	6	3	5	17	18	5	3	8	19	22	-4	39
16	Sheff Wed	30	6	5	3	22	13	4	2	10	22	29	2	37
17	Tranmere	30	6	4	5	21	20	4	3	8	17	23	-5	37
18	Notts County	27	8	1	6	20	15	2	4	6	14	19	0	35
19	Yeovil	30	5	2	7	15	20	4	4	8	15	25	-15	33
20	Swindon	32	5	6	6	17	20	2	4	9	24	34	-13	31
21	Walsall	32	5	1	9	20	26	3	5	9	19	31	-18	30
22	Bristol Rovers	31	5	4	6	18	24	2	5	9	19	41	-28	30
23	Dag & Red	29	4	5	5	17	18	3	3	9	15	26	-12	29
24	Plymouth	32	5	4	7	19	24	4	2	10	17	31	-19	23

No way through: Dons playmaker Luke Chadwick is crowded out on a foray upfield against Oldham last night

Oldham hold 'em

from back page

Oldham shirt and Dons cleared.

Moments later Dons were on the attack. A ball over the top found Daniel Powell. He sprayed it wide to Vine. The forward's strike was well parried by Manchester United loanee, Ben Amos, and Chadwick looking certain to score from the rebound, managed only to blaze over the bar.

In the 11th minute Chadwick was felled around 25-yards out. Top scorer Peter Leven stood confidently over the ball but the Scotsman's sweetly struck free-kick beat a diving Amos but not the post.

Still Dons came forward, Keanu Marsh-Brown burned Oldham right-back, Kieren Lee, for pace. The winger got to the by-line but his pull back could only be scrambled away for a corner.

From the resulting centre, Sean O'Hanlon rose highest. Again Amos seemed beaten but Lee hooked the effort from underneath the crossbar and away from danger.

Dons began to grow in confidence Marsh-Brown was given plenty of room to run at the Oldham defence but Dons' final ball was often sloppy.

The best chance of the half fell to Vine 30 minutes in. He was sent one-on-one with Amos and, with the whites of the goalposts narrowing, the former Birmingham City man's effort couldn't beat the leg of the of the onrushing keeper and Dons squandered another chance.

David Martin was called into action for the first time in the half as a free-kick could only be cleared to the edge of Dons area. It fell to Dean Furman and his half-volley caused the Dons keeper to get down to his left to save smartly.

Robinson's men were displaying the kind of football that has won his side so man plaudits throughout League One.

At times their touch and possession was Arsenal-esque but like the Emirates side it cried out for an applied finish that left the Dons' faithful fearing missed chances.

The visitors started the second-half much like they did the first, bright and sharp in the tackle.

The yellow-booted, Morais again at the heart of Oldham's display.

Paul Dickov's side looked a confident team despite just four victories on the road all season.

Fifty five minutes in, Martin, produced a terrific one-handed save from Morais. Jinking in from the right his rasping left-footed drive looked to be heading for the top corner but the keeper turned it over the bar to keep the scores level.

From that corner he was called into action again, getting down well to a stooping Andy Todd header.

Dons were struggling to replicate their first-half display as the visitors looked to wind the clock down.

And the Lancashire side came close to breaking the deadlock – Sam Manton hit a rasping drive that had Martin worrying in the Dons' goal and the home fans' hearts in their mouths.

An apparent handball in the Oldham 18-yard-box had The Cowshed screaming for a penalty. However, whistle-happy referee, Ian Williamson, was not moved.

Oldham's Neil Trottman was becoming the villain of piece for the home crowd and the Dons bench as the defender tried to waste as much time possible, but Dickov's men held on for a well-earned point.

MK Dons
Martin, Lewington (c), Kouo-Doumbe (Woodards,65 Stirling, 88), Mackenzie, O'Hanlon, Gleeson, Vine (Guy, 75), Marsh-Brown, Leven, Chadwick, Powell. SUBS: Searle, Stirling, Amoo, Guy, Woodards, Hughes, Chicksen.

Oldham Athletic
Amos, Todd, Furman, Feeney (White, 75), Reid (Toumkara, 75), Taylor(c), Lee, Manton (Jones, 89), Morais, Evina, Trottman. SUBS: Brill, Black, Talkowski, White, Jones, Toumkara, Brooke

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COMING UP

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GUS Poyet's men have been the team to beat this season.

Although their League campaign was interrupted by the FA Cup last weekend, they remain the dominate force in the division with games in hand.

Dons will have to take any chances that fall to them on the day as they come up against the meanest defence in the league.

When the two sides met earlier in the season Brighton were 2-0 victors thanks to a stunning Kazenga LuaLua free-kick and a Glenn Murray goal.

Flanagan in a fix as regular centre backs regain fitness

DONS assistant manager, John Gorman, has said the club may look to send defender Tom Flanagan back out on loan.

Flanagan who made his full debut in the 2-3 defeat against Leyton Orient last Tuesday, had been on loan at non-league Kettering before being recalled for cover.

Gorman said: "Tom Flanagan has returned from Kettering and has done well, but it's unfortunate that, since his return, all our centre backs have come back fit.

"Now we must decide whether to send him out on loan or keep him here because we are pleased with him.

"The problem is, even in the lower divisions, many clubs don't want to take on a young player because they are all after experience. For Tom to progress he needs to be playing games."

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Dons skipper Dean Lewington barrels into Oldham's Cedric Evina at the stadiummk last night

Hartlepool win 'massive' says boss Robinson

Hartlepool 0 MK Dons 1

KARL Robinson admitted the 1-0 win at Hartlepool on Saturday was a drab encounter but called the three points 'massive'.

The MK Dons boss is now looking forward to the return of his strike force which will be a boost after his defenders earned the plaudits, pulling out all the stops to extend their unbeaten run on the road to six games.

It was teenager Daniel Powell who scored the decisive goal moments before half-time when he picked off a mistake by Steve Haslam to round the keeper.

Robinson said: "Once the mistake came he took his goal really well and what I'm also pleased about is he stayed on his feet. He could have gone down.

"There weren't that many opportunities and I'm just made up with the three points – it's massive."

Thanks for the result has to go down to Dons' backline who kept out a resurgent Pools side in the second-half with a little help from their woodwork which kept out Ryan Donaldson and Sam Collins.

"I thought the back four were absolutely tremendous," added Robinson.

"I was very critical of them last Tuesday, we've had a few meetings and had a good chat about it and I hope this is the start of us stopping to concede silly goals."

Goalie Hollyhead's pen saves crucial

ICE HOCKEY

MK Lightning 8 Telford Tigers 2

TELFORD Tigers were no match for MK Lightning who cruised to a home victory.

It took just nine minutes for Grant McPherson to score the first and an unmarked Monir Kalgoum hit number two only six minutes later.

Seconds later Michael Wales set up Blaz Emersic to shoot past goalie Martin Clarkson for number three.

The goals continued in the second period, with Telford-born Gary Clarke netting and when the Tigers' defence failed to keep pace of Matt Towalski it was 5-0.

There was a brief respite for the visitors when Josh Bruce netted with a shot with only 80 seconds of the second period remaining.

Lightning's sixth goal from Clarke came seven seconds after the restart, and it was seventh heaven for the home side when Michael Farn netted.

The Tigers made another attempt to fight back with a Joe Henry goal, but Andre Smulter completed the demolition with the home side's eighth goal of the evening.

Basingstoke Bison 3 MK Lightning 4

CAPTAIN Adam Carr led from the front to give Lightning a 4-3 victory with a winning penalty shot at Basingstoke.

But it was goalie Barry Hollyhead who deservedly picked up the man-of-the-match award after saving all three of Bison's penalty strikes.

For the second time in a fortnight Bisons and Lightning had been involved in a penalty shoot out and again Lightning came out winners.

Lightning ended the first period 1-0 in front thanks to a Nick Poole goal 16 seconds from the break.

Gary Clarke doubled the lead three minutes into the second period but in the 45th minute the hosts reduced the deficit with a Ben Davies goal.

Ondrej Lauko then equalised in the 54 minute only for Carr to hit back eight seconds later.

Viktor Kubenko sent the match into overtime three minutes from the end.

The extra period produced no further goals and Carr scored the only penalty in the shoot out to secure the win.

■ A RARE midweek fixture sees Lightning take on Slough Jets at the Thunderdome on tonight at 7.30pm, followed by Peterborough Phantoms at 7pm on Saturday. Sunday's road trip sees Lightning take on Slough Jets again but at 'The Hangar' at 6.30pm.

BASKETBALL

Murray mint as Jets put stop to Lions' run

MK Lions 98 Cheshire Jets 115

MK LIONS' six-game winning streak came to an end as Gareth Murray of the Cheshire Jets produced a big-scoring effort on Friday evening.

Dispite early scoring from Demarius Bolds, Chester had a 17-9 lead midway through the first quarter before Travis Nelson and Shawn Myers scored and two steals enabled the Lions to climb back to 22-25 at the end of the quarter.

Stefan Gill added the bonus shot to tie the game at 29-29 and four Myers points gave the Lions a two point lead of 33-31.

A run of nine unanswered points put the Jets ahead before five straight points from the home side ended the half with the Lions 44-47 down.

The Jets increased the lead to seven at 53-60, before both teams were given technical fouls. Gill then hit consecutive three pointers before the Jets hit another purple patch and pushed to an eight points lead at the end of the third.

A further unanswered seven points by Jets saw the gap extend and despite a Lions final push, Murray's final quarter display put the game out of reach.

Glasgow Rocks 78 MK Lions 72

A FINAL quarter turn round saw MK Lions' weekend finish pointless as Glasgow Rocks grabbed victory on Sunday evening.

In the early exchanges Rocks took control taking a 21-10 lead, the Lions response was immediate as they bagged six of the final eight points of the first quarter to get back to 23-16.

In the second quarter both sides traded baskets with the lead changing hands with the Lions going in 43-45 up at the half.

Dispite a run of six straight points giving Mike News' men a 50-55 lead in the third quarter, the Rocks turned the game on it's head as they rattled off an 11-2 burst to close the quarter leading 61-57.

In the final period, baskets from Travis Nelson and Kris Clark tied the game at 61-61, but another three-pointer from Harrison sparked a 12-2 Rocks run in the home side's favour.

The Lions tried valiantly to close the deficit and netted the next eight points to get to within five points, but that was as close as they came.

Victory boost for Bletchley

RUGBY

SOUTH WEST 1 EAST
Witney 14
Bletchley 17

AFTER the previous week's poor performance and recent run of bad results, Bletchley finally got a win against a team well above them in the league to put them back on track and move up the table.

Still without some key players and captain Carl Miller, the team welcomed back the powerful running of Tim Stobbs and the debut of Reuben Lewis on the wing. Brett Staniford took on the role of captain.

Witney piled on early pressure, scoring a quick eight points. Bletchley staged a brief fight back, but the first half finished 11-3.

Bletchley came out hard after the restart, scoring a converted try, and kept pressuring with good handling and movement to score again.

The team then held on under a lot of pressure towards the end to secure the win, which will boost them for their next two crucial home games against Swanage and Wareham.

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Huff 'n' puff not enough

MK DONS 0 OLDHAM 0

BY ADAM THOMPSON

Philipe Morais clears a Sean O'Hanlon header off the line with keeper Ben Amos beaten

MK Dons dropped points at home again in a game they should have wrapped up well before half time.

Rowan Vine and Luke Chadwick spurned golden opportunities for Karl Robinson's men whose play-off hopes took a slight dent.

Their performance in the first 45 minutes summed up their season, pleasing on the eye and plenty of effort, but lacking in the finish.

Dons went into the game looking for their tenth league victory at stadiummk.

The home side kicked off defending The Cowshed in this clash between two teams with play-off ambitions.

The first chance of the game fell to Oldham's Filipe Morais. The midfielder found himself in space about 25 yards from goal but his tame shot went harmlessly wide.

Morais was at the heart of Athletic's attacks throughout. Playing a give-and-go with Ruben Reid, the Portuguese deceived Dean Lewington with exceptional trickery but his cross found no-one in an

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Red Bull say Bahrain race decision was 'the right one'

F1 RACING

DEFENDING world champions Red Bull said the decision to cancel the Bahrain F1 Grand Prix was the right one.

The team was due to begin its title defence at the race in the Middle East on March 13, but due to anti-government protests over the weekend Bahrain International Circuit announced it had withdrawn from the season opener 'so that the country can focus on its process of national dialogue'.

Despite Sebastian Vettel and the team now having an extended wait until Melbourne on March 27 to begin their defences, Red Bull said the decision was correct.

Team principal Christian Horner said: "It's a shame, but the country has got bigger issues than a Formula One race at the moment. It is important that they address those. At the end of the day we're a sport and we can always go back there, if not this year then in future years.

"So, disappointed not to be going but ultimately I believe it's the right decision to be made considering what has been happening."

Mark Webber said: "The right decision was made, in light of what is going on, so we look forward to Melbourne instead.

"As for starting in Melbourne, it's my home race and, as always, I'm looking forward to it.

"It is a sensational event, we're in good shape as a team, so I hope to go there and get a very good result."

The test scheduled for four days in Bahrain prior to the grand prix will now take place in Barcelona on Tuesday to Friday, March 8-11.

Campbell Park set to host Twenty20 cricket this summer

CRICKET

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Steelbacks will play Twenty20 cricket in Milton Keynes this summer.

The Steelbacks will return to Campbell Park after a three-year absence.

Cricket's most fashionable, quickest and dramatic form of the game is set for a one-off appearance at the MK venue when the Steelbacks host Worcestershire Royals on Wednesday, June 29.

Ten thousand Steelback fans are expected to turn out for the Friends Provident t20 match, which will start at 5.30pm.

Campbell Park is a familiar hunting ground for the Steelbacks, who played two t20 matches there back in June 2008, including a victory over Gloucestershire Gladiators by six wickets.

The decision to play the fixture at the Milton Keynes 'out-ground' has landed the Steelbacks a key ally in MK Dons.

MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman said: "Every sports lover in Milton Keynes will welcome the return of first class cricket to Campbell Park and personally I cannot wait to see the Northamptonshire Steelbacks in t20 action in our city."

Perry Deakin, Northants Cricket's commercial director and deputy chief executive, added: "We are really excited about bringing this game to Milton Keynes.

"We know from colleagues at MK Dons that people in the region are truly passionate about sport. We'll look forward to welcoming them to Campbell Park for what will be a superb display of t20 cricket action."

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